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SCHOOL NOTES

The outstanding staff feature of the year was the retirement of Mr. B. Llewellyn in December, 1949, after thirty-eight years of continuous service. This broke the last remaining link with the inauguration of the original Secondary School in Slough in January, 1912. Tributes to Mr. Llewellyn's services will be found in other pages of this magazine. On his departure Mr. R. J. Vivash took over his duties as Senior Physics Master, and a new Junior Master was appointed in the person of Mr. R. Mills, B.Sc. (Bristol), to whom we offer a hearty welcome.

Mr. J. Bell, B.A. (Durham), has been appointed an additional assistant master, to commence duty in September 1950. He will assist in the teaching of English, History, and Geography, and with the training of Cadets.

We congratulate Mr. Vincent Evans on having been invited to send specimen examples of child portraiture executed by him to the national exhibition of child studies at the R.W.S. Galleries, Conduit Street, London, this month. He is sending portraits in pastel of two Slough schoolgirls.

Mr. A. D. Purvis, the Senior Geography Master, has been selected by the British Committee for the Interchange of Teachers between Great Britain and the U.S.A. for an exchange post in the United States for the School Year 1950—51. Mr. Budde, from Michigan, will replace Mr. Purvis on the staff of our school for the period stated. This exchange is an interesting experiment and we feel confident it will lead to extensive and lasting educational benefit to the teachers and the schools concerned.

Academic successes continue to improve and we have now more than equalled those of our best pre-war years. Details of examination results are given in the Speech Day report. There is an additional success to announce. John D. Newson has gained an Open Scholarship in Science (of the value of £40 per annum) tenable at University College, Southampton.

Mr. Robert Birley, the Headmaster of Eton, has extended an invitation to our Senior Modern Language boys to participate in meetings of a Modern Language Debating and Dramatic Society at Eton College. Already a party of our boys, with Mr. Collin, the Senior French Master, have attended a production by the Institut Français of "Le Barbier de Séville." We are most grateful to Mr. Birley for providing such valuable facilities for our boys.

Our two main out-of-school activities, the Lake District Tour and Travel Week, again passed off successfully. On the former, fifty-five boys spent a fortnight in Derbyshire and Cumberland under the direction of Mr. Purvis, Mr. Collin, and Mr. Cave during the Easter holiday. As in former years, the Cumberland County Education Committee kindly provided hostel accommodation. The whole school participated in Travel Week towards the end of July last year. This always imposes a considerable amount of extra work on all members of the staff and we wish to thank them most sincerely for all they do to make this educative effort run so smoothly. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Purvis, and a small committee of the staff, organise this extensive undertaking.

Travel Bursaries this year have been granted to four of our Sixth Form boys to enable them to spend part of their summer holiday on the Continent.

During August a colourful decorative scheme is to be developed in the interior of the school.

Very hearty congratulations are due to the two football teams that competed in the Slough and District Schools Football Association competitions—neither team losing a match—and to T. W. S. Groome who gained 2nd place in the 220 yards (under 16) race at the Public Schools' Athletic Meeting held at the White City during the Easter holiday. There were ninety competitors in this event.

The Memorial Pavilion fund now stands at £1,130. A design by Mr. W. David Hartley, F.R.I.B.A., has been accepted and very shortly firms will be asked to tender for the pavilion's construction.

The Summer Term ends on Thursday, 27th July, and the Autumn Term starts on Tuesday, 12th September.



IN MEMORIAM WALTER CORNELIUS WILSON

It is with the deepest regret we have to record the death of Mr. Walter C. Wilson who died in July last at the age of 73.

Mr. Wilson had been a greatly respected member of the school staff from September 1916 until March 1945. He had varied gifts, each of a high order, and these he was able to employ for the benefit of many hundreds of pupils. When first appointed Mr. Wilson had charge of the P.T. of all the boys at the Slough Secondary School. He himself was a brilliant gymnast and the boys profited greatly from this. In 1927 he gave up physical training and undertook the whole of the Art training in the school. His artistic powers were also of a high order and the standard of Art in the school quickly rose as a result of his tuition. He was also well qualified in Shorthand and Accountancy and taught these subjects to groups of senior pupils.

Out of school hours Mr. Wilson did a great deal to develop the dramatic talent of his pupils. No Prize Day programme was complete without a play which had been produced by him, and on one occasion he wrote the script of the play produced. He also usually designed and painted the scenery for the school plays.

In addition to his regular teaching work Mr. Wilson acted as secretarial assistant to the Headmaster for a period of about twenty years. He retired from active teaching in August 1941 but continued to serve as part-time secretary. This post he held until March 1945, when he fully retired.

Mr. Wilson was a man of remarkable personal charm, and was really loved by his fellow members-of-staff and pupils. All who knew him would wish to send their heart-felt sympathy to his bereaved wife and his two sons, both of whom had been pupils at the school.

MR. B. LLEWELLYN, M.Sc., A.R.I.C.

A pleasant little function at the end of the Autumn term marked a unique occasion in the history of the School. A presentation of a wrist watch from the present pupils and members of the Staff was made to Mr. Llewellyn on his retirement.

It would be difficult to parallel Mr. Llewellyn's career in any school, inasmuch as he has been on the Staff during the entire thirty-eight years of the School's existence. He was appointed as Senior Assistant Master in charge of Science for the opening of the School in January 1912. That was to a school of some fifty boys and girls. Out of that small beginning has developed in the meantime two schools with some five hundred pupils each. He has given a lifetime of devoted

service to many hundreds of boys and girls both in the class-room and on the playing fields. Present and former pupils and colleagues wish Mr. Llewellyn many years of happy retirement.

HAIL—

J. E. Alder, K. F. Ball, F. W. Ballard, S. A. Balls, E. V. Bevan, B. J. Billington, J. W. Blott, A. C. Bradbury, R. D. Braybrooke, M. Brent, T. A. Clegg, G. M. Cox, D. J. Daly, D. E. Delaney, B. H. Dilmot, R. F. Dobson, B. E. Duckett, G. W. Elvidge, J. F. Fox, T. H. Fox, M. W. H. Gillham, R. Graham, N. J. F. Hammans, C. G. Hanson, R. J. Hester, P. R. Holloway, J. F. Hughes, K. A. E. Jeal, D. E. Jones, T. L. Jones, J. W. Kennedy, G. A. D. King, J. F. Knowles, R. J. Laing, A. E. Lawrence, J. R. G. Little, A. E. Marshall, M. P. Masterson, A. D. Michell, J. E. Morgan, R. G. Palmer, J. B. Parker, J. P. Parker, B. G. Pither, D. Powell, J. B. Rees, J. Rixon, J. F. Ross, A. F. Smith, M. J. Spinks, D. J. Surridge, A. G. A. Tack, T. N. Taylor, J. G. Thompson, D. J. Turner, L. W. Wakefield, S. T. Watson, E. W. Webb, A. B. W. Welham, C. L. L. Wiles, R. Wood, R. M. York, J. O. Young, B. Schumann, M. J. Tucker, M. C. Vockins, G. Carne, J. C. Dilly, T. J. Reeman, B. G. Lovegrove, F. W. Harpley, I. C. Hill, B. A. Parsons, A. F. Rogers, B. P. Mann, M. J. Hearn, V. J. Patmore, R. E. Chadbury, K. L. K. Boughey, E. W. Bown, L. E. Jackson, R. Freeman, A. E. Robinson, M. Stewart, M. F. Bradshaw, A. H. Brookes, R. F. H. Cooper, E. W. Woolford, P. K. Ashley, J. G. Clark, A. E. Forbes, R. D. Jones, R. A. Greenfield, B. A. Metcalfe, B. C. E. Hookey, P. Jupp, B. R. Neville, E. J. Rayner, K. Stewart, A. L. Fuller, T. Bleasdale, C. D. Elliott, A. Spouse (re-entry), F. Hennessey, P. von Manteuffel.

& FAREWELL

A. P. Carr.—University College, London.
W. Eastwell.—R.A.F.
D. C. Hossack.—Leeds University.
A. J. Lake.
B. Lilley.—R.A.F.
A. J. Lucas.—Bristol University.
I. McCalla.—Civil Service.
R. G. W. Miles.—Local Government.
J. Sherman.—Kings College, London.
J. S. Beadle.—Pharm. Chemist.
I. Carnochan.—Trans. to Chesterfield.
R. Brown.—Cabinet Maker.
D. Reader.—Windsor County School.
P. P. Reader.—Windsor County School.
J. F. A. M. Knight.—King Edward VII Nautical School.
V. Stoneman.—R.A.F.
D. Cragg.—Slough Technical School.
N. F. Ketch.
W. Jones.
P. Hayes.
M. Foster.
K. W. Daniels.
M. J. Groombridge.—Engineering.
A. W. G. Abbott.—Local Government.
A. R. Bugby.—Clerical.
G. J. Burdett.
J. M. Cole.—Clerical.
I. L. Pearce.
M. J. Woolhouse.
D. J. Allen.
D. H. Bester.
J. Dowling.—Local Government.

A. R. G. Hewitt.
 R. E. E. Nash.
 B. C. Ochiltree.
 J. S. Pitman.
 R. L. E. Rowell.
 R. G. Thomas.—Lab. Asst.
 J. B. Waller.
 R. Angus.
 R. H. Ashley.
 D. Budd.—Civil Service.
 J. A. Butterworth.—Local Government.
 P. T. H. Canon.
 H. S. Cory.
 H. G. Delve.
 G. C. Hellyer.
 N. Highams.
 R. C. Miles.—Banking.
 R. J. Rothwell.
 R. Fidler.—Clerical.
 D. Rees.—Clerical.
 R. Doig.—Engineering.
 A. Muir.—Draughtsman.
 P. Roach.—Engineering.
 G. B. Hussey.—App. Dental Mechanic.
 J. B. Coles.—Clerical.
 P. J. Dunage.—Trainee Reporter.
 R. L. Jenner.—Electrical Engineering.
 G. D. Swabey.—Radio Engineering.
 J. Jones.—Draughtsman.
 D. G. Neal.—Electrical Engineering.
 E. T. Soton.—Electrical Engineering.
 R. I. Lanz.—Clerical.
 D. B. Hill.—Lab. Assistant.
 J. Sellars.—Lab. Assistant.
 G. R. Smith.—Die Making.
 R. G. Hancock.—Banking.
 D. C. Jaques.—Chemist.
 R. F. Orpwood.—Civil Service.
 C. Ambrose.—King Edward VII Nautical School.
 A. Hussey.—Lab. Assistant.
 A. R. Robson.—Radio Engineering.
 D. Wren.—Banking.
 V. H. Gillham.
 P. N. Ginsbury.—Trans. to Ilford.
 R. B. Smith.
 G. Middle.—Toolmaking.
 D. Wiles.—Trans. to Portsmouth.
 P. Anderson.—Asst. Father's Business.
 D. G. Standerwick.—Trans.
 M. J. Evans.—Trans.
 K. Herbst.—Australia.
 D. Noble.—Australia.
 P. Cooper.—Trans. to Ashford.
 B. Booty.—Trans. to Reading.
 D. Tribbeck.—Trans. to Rye.
 M. Masters.—Surveying.
 C. Belcher.—Building.
 M. Wheatley.



SPEECH DAY, 1949

Speech Day took place at the Central Hall on Wednesday, December 14th, 1949, when the guests of honour were the Mayor, Alderman J. E. Taylor, C.C., who was accompanied by the Mayoress, and Mr. Robert Birley, Headmaster of Eton, who presented the awards and addressed the boys and their parents and friends.

After Alderman Aubrey E. Ward, C.C., Chairman of the Governors, had introduced the principal guests, the Headmaster presented his report on the year's work.

Mr. Clarke referred to the exchange of pupils between the Grammar School and the Lycée of Troyes. He said that fourteen boys from each school had taken part, our boys going to Troyes for the Spring Term and the French boys coming to us for the Summer Term. "It is good to note," he added, "that interest does not die with the departure of the French boys. Quite a number of our boys keep in touch with them by correspondence, and several have paid further visits during holiday periods."

The year under review had been one of steady progress. School Certificate results had been particularly good, no less than 95 per cent. of the entrants gaining School Certificate, while the average number of credits was 5.8. In the Higher School Certificate Examination a new high level had been reached with thirteen successful candidates, one of whom, J. R. Barnard, had been awarded a State Scholarship and four others, D. T. Anderson, A. P. Carr, J. F. Davis and S. Sherman, County Major Scholarships.

Mr. Clarke referred also to the War Memorial Fund which, he said, had reached roughly £1,100 and plans for the erection of a suitable memorial pavilion were under consideration.

Finally Mr. Clarke spoke of Mr. B. Llewellyn, M.Sc., A.R.I.C., who, after thirty-eight years' service was retiring at the end of the term. He was the only member of staff whose connection with the school went back to its establishment. "Several thousands of pupils," Mr. Clarke said, "including quite a number of fathers and mothers of present ones, have passed through his hands, and I am certain he is held in respect and affection by all of them." On behalf of the staff, the boys, the governors and the parents, Mr. Clarke wished Mr. Llewellyn many years of happy retirement.

After the presentation of the awards Mr. Birley gave the boys a special greeting from "that other Grammar School" in the area, Eton College. He said that, although Slough's history went back for at least seven hundred years it was only as a result of recent development that it had become a town of any size. A school like the Grammar School had an immense opportunity to carry on the old grammar school traditions in the new ways that were necessary, and it would be for the pupils to make the School a place which would be spoken about with pride whenever the name of Slough was mentioned.

Very largely as a consequence of the work of our schools, Mr. Birley went on, we had succeeded in establishing in this country a kind of balance between freedom and responsibility. He thought that that was something that was quite naturally taught nowadays. Freedom, however, meant much more than just being able to do what one liked; it meant being concerned with the freedom of others quite as much as with one's own. It meant tolerance and friendliness towards other people. On this note Mr. Birley concluded his address which, witty and sympathetic throughout, held the interest and close attention of all who had the pleasure of hearing it.

AWARDS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JULY, 1949

Form	Prize	Certificates
IIC.	Thurgood, M.	Tulip, A. Turner, J. C.
IIB.	Phillips, H. L.	Powell, C. T. Mansfield, J. R.
IIA.	Glanville, L.	Giles, R. Evans, M. J.
IIIC.	Noble, D. F.	Nickless, B. Hunt, G. E.
IIIB.	Burnett, D. M.	Earley, R. Birnage, W.
IIIA.	Clinch, B. F.	Goldfine, L. Ackrell, B. A.
IVC.	King, R. A.	Tyler, P. S. Grout, C. J.
IVB.	Colpitts, B.	Barney, G. C. Faulkner, R. E.
IVA.	Johnson, M.	Climmer, B. J. Grimwood, H. D.
LVC.	Woods, T. B. G.	Davis, A. L. Askew, M. J.
LVB.	Warwick, B. J.	Ansdell, D. A. Vandepeer, H. J.
LVA.	Killip, J. D.	Bowers, D. N. Reader, D. M.

UPPER FIFTH FORMS

Oxford School Certificate, with Matriculation Exemption

PRIZES

(Pupils who reached Credit Standard, or higher, in each of the nine subjects taken)

Day, R. E., Dickson, J. H., Highams, N., Neale, R. A., Paterson, K. J. S., Wotherspoon, H., Ambrose, C. A., Dowling, J. C.

CERTIFICATES—Matriculation Standard

Abbott, D. J., Angus, R., Ashley, J. V., Bradley, J. R., Budd, D., Butterworth, J. A., Canon, P. T. H., Cook, J. M., Dolve, H. G., Esling, R. H., Hall, R. J., Hammond, R. E., Loring, W. C., Marler, C. W., Miles, R. W. G., Orpwood, R. F., Roper-Lowe, D. A., Rothwell, R. J., Severn, D., Bovey, D. J., Deegan, J. A., Groome, T. W. S., Harris, R. S., Hewett, A. R. F., James, D. A., Robson, A. R., Smith, R. A. A., Thomas, R. G., Whitbread, V. F., Abbott, A. W. G., Burdett, G. J. H., Pearce, I. L.

CERTIFICATES—Pass Standard

Corey, H. D. S., Hellyer, G. C., Spring, W. H., Stannard, E. J., Allen, D. H., Amos, V. E., Bedwell, A. S., Bester, W. A. H., Hamblen, W. F. D., Jaques, D. C., Jenner, R. L., Knight, J. A. W., Neal, D. A., Ochiltree, B. C., Pitman, J. S., Rowell, R. L. E., Seal, P. A., Sellars, J., Smith, G. R., Stockwell, M. B., Waller, J. B., Hill, D. V., Hussey, A. S., Jones, J., Lanz, R. I., Swabey, G. D., Young, T. R.

UPPER SIXTH FORM

Oxford Higher School Certificates

PRIZES.

Barnard, J. R., (Distinction in both Biology and Chemistry; Good in both Pure and Applied Mathematics). Awarded State Scholarship to London University. Prize presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.

Davis, J. F., (Distinction in both French and Latin; Good in English). Awarded County Major Scholarship to Oxford University. Prize presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.

Sherman, S., (Distinction in Applied Mathematics; Good in both Pure Mathematics and Physics). Awarded County Major Scholarship to London University. Prize presented by the Headmaster.

Carr, A. P. (Distinction in Geography; Good in Biology). Awarded County Major Scholarship to London University. Prize presented by the Governors

Anderson, D. T. (Distinction in Biology). Awarded County Major Scholarship to London University. Prize presented by the Governors

CERTIFICATES.

(Subjects passed at Principal Standard indicated in brackets).

Admans, D., (English, French, Latin, History).

Beadle, J. S., (Biology, Chemistry, Physics).

Lake, A. J., (Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics).

Lucas, A. J., (Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Biology, Physics).

Mabbott, A., (English, Geography, History).

McCalla, I., (Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Chemistry).

Miles, R. C., (Biology, Chemistry, Geography).

Newson, J. D., (Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Pure Maths.).

SPECIAL PRIZES

Music (The Miss P. J. Smith Memorial Prize)—Asher, D.

The "Ford" Cup (For outstanding voluntary service to the School)—McCalla, I. Swimming Championship Challenge Cup (Presented by Ald. A. E. Ward)

—Knight, J. A. W.

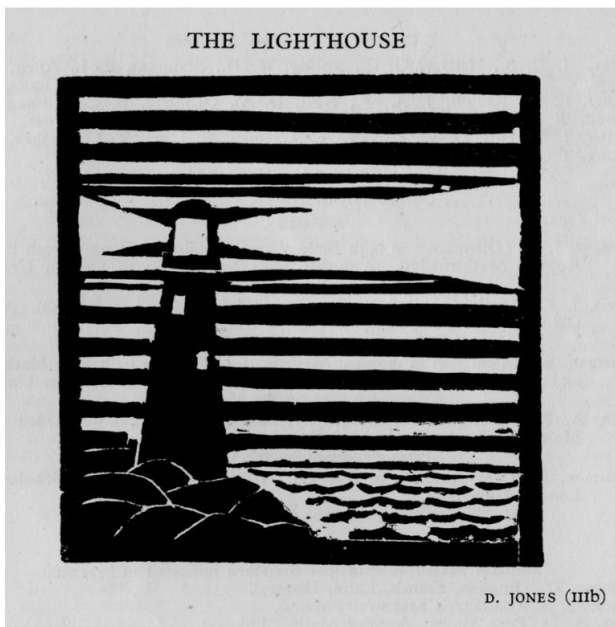
CADET NOTES

SEEING RED

The heading which was used for these notes in a previous magazine has proved too optimistic. It is true that every Cadet in the School Company now wears green-backed flashes, but in other ways we are as far from correct light-infantry dress as we were a year ago. Red-backed stripes still hang heavily on the arms of the N.C.O.s, and far from being issued with the green beret, we cannot secure an issue of the khaki one.

To offset these disappointments there has been a pleasing response to the call for recruits, and most of the new members look sturdy enough to work their way to promotion. It is hoped that many of them will be able to go to the Buckinghamshire Army Cadet Camp which is to be held this year at Weymouth during August Bank Holiday week.

THE LIGHTHOUSE



D. JONES (IIIb)

SCHOOL MUSIC

For Speech Day we were fortunate in being able to use the organ at the Central Hall for accompanying the choral items. The school choir, with its usual charm, sang three items—"Come Loyal Hearts" (Whitehead); "Good Neighbours All" (Bach, Peasant Cantata) and "I know a bank" (Martin Shaw). Graham Holmes gave a very pleasing rendering of the solo "Who is Sylvia" (Schubert), and the whole school contributed to an excellent choral climax in the rendering of Parry's "England."

The Thursday concerts are continuing to attract large numbers, and a high standard of listening is being developed in all sections of the school. Pianoforte recitals are now being given alternatively with Gramophone recitals.

The Theoretical, Historical and Appreciative aspects of music are appealing to an increasing number of senior boys—whilst the vocal approach gives pleasure to the younger boys whose voices are still a clear treble.

The School Choir took part in the Annual Schools Festival—and were praised by the Adjudicator for their good tone, perfect balance, and convincing rendering. The School contributed twenty singers to the Festival Massed Choir.

It is encouraging to see that music is contributing in no small way to the cultural side of our school life.

DRAMATICS

The School Dramatic Society presented "Arsenic and Old Lace," by Joseph Kesselring, on December 15th, 16th and 17th, 1949, with the following cast:—

ABBY BREWSTER	Denis James.
THE REV. DR. HARPER	Keith Paterson.
TEDDY BREWSTER	William Creighton.
OFFICER BROPHY	Terence Groome.
OFFICER KLEIN	Vernon Amos.
MARTHA BREWSTER	Malcolm Stockwell.
ELAINE HARPER	David Neal.
MORTIMER BREWSTER	David Brecknell.
MR. GIBBS	John Davis.
JONATHAN BREWSTER	Charles Scott.
DR. EINSTEIN	James Serjent.
OFFICER O'HARA	Mr. Edward Morgan.
LIEUT. ROONEY	Gerald Mayor.
MR. WITHERSPOON	John Newson.
STAGE MANAGER	Mr. L. J. Cave.
ELECTRICIAN	D. Roper-Lowe.
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	Mr. J. H. Harries.
DECOR	Mr. T. C. R. Evans.
(Assisted by J. Bradley, R. Day, K. Paterson and D. Severn)	
BOX OFFICER AND HOUSE MANAGEMENT	Mrs. J. T. Hazelwood and Mr. M. Millar.
PROMPTER AND PROPERTY-MAN	D. Jewell.

The Play was produced by Mr. A. D. PURVIS.

"ARSENIC AND OLD LACE."

On December 15th, 1949, I had the pleasure of seeing the School Dramatic Society's presentation of Joseph Kesselring's delightful comedy, "Arsenic and Old Lace." If I were to say that the efforts of all concerned—and I mean *all*, not merely the actors (and "actresses")—were very good I might justly be accused of making an understatement, for, to my mind, the keenness and capabilities displayed by the company were of a most praiseworthy standard and, I feel sure, won the highest commendation of all who had the good fortune to see and appreciate for themselves such admirable talent.

Unlike Mortimer Brewster, whose greatest headache seemed to be that his job demanded his sitting through tedious performances of third rate melodramas and afterwards criticizing them for the press, I find nothing so irksome in recording my impressions of this production.

The female rôles were executed very creditably by James, Stockwell and Neal, of whom the two former were outstanding in their characterization of Abby and Martha Brewster respectively. The eccentric Teddy Brewster was admirably portrayed by William Creighton who, I must say, without wishing to offend, seemed perfectly suited to the rôle. This is not an aspersion cast upon his natural mental integrity, but a compliment to his ability to "live" the part and not to "act" it as some of the minor characters were wont to do. Also very real and convincing were David Brecknell, who, had he not merited praise for his very fine performance as the only sane member of the Brewster family, would certainly have distinguished himself by his mastery of the American accent, which he maintained almost faultlessly throughout the whole performance; Charles Scott, who was outstanding—in a repulsive sort of way—as the villain of the piece; and Mr. Edward Morgan, who portrayed the Irish Officer O'Hara with a naturalness that suggested that his interests and abilities were not confined solely to the sphere of mathematics.

But amidst all this praise I feel that two criticisms of a stricter nature are called for. Firstly, even in my inexpensive, and far-removed seat, I heard actors prompting each other on the stage which I thought somewhat marred the "finesse"

of the production, giving it an atmosphere of dress rehearsal, rather than of a polished performance, as the rest of the play suggested. Secondly there was one actor with whom I could not feel fully satisfied, but that, I think, was not really his own fault. I am speaking of James Sergeant who, though he did what he thought was best in his particular rôle, was, in my opinion, quite miscast. Fortunately the hilarious strain throughout the whole comedy served to bear out this error, which was that, for a cold-blooded murderer's accomplice, he was rather too puerile in his comedy of words and gestures, at which, under appropriate circumstances he is quite skilful. Nevertheless this did not, I feel sure, detract from the entertainment which was enjoyed to the full by the audience on all three occasions.

The evening was made complete along the most professional lines by a very capable string orchestra whose playing, judging by the applause it received, won general approbation.

Let us hope that after such a success the school dramatic society will present us, in the near future, with something along even more ambitious lines, for I am sure it is well within the range of their abilities to do so and the public would not be found wanting in its support.

D. ADMANS (UVI).

THE SPECIAL GYM. CLASS

A dictionary definition of the word "practice" is "regular exercise for instruction." No better way of describing the activity of the Special Gym. Class can be found, since three times a week—twice during the dinner hour and once on Friday afternoon—does this class assemble for its "regular exercise."

During the Spring term this exercise became even more regular, for on Saturday, 29th April, just after the school had opened for the Summer term, the Class was to take part in a large-scale Gym. Display at the Regent Street Polytechnic in London.

To London the Gym. Class duly went, and delighted all spectators by their performance on the vaulting-box. The whole display lasted from 6 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and the time allotted to our team was ten minutes—not a long time, but long enough when each member is constantly on the move, doing vaults, rolls, handsprings and all manner of contortions on or over the vaulting-box!

In a programme of seventeen items, we were fortunate to be placed second on the list, and so, having done our share, we had the pleasure of sitting back to enjoy the rest of the evening. The programme included parallel and horizontal bar exercises, agility and vaulting-table exercises for the men, and wand, chair, keep-fit, free-standing, and skipping exercises for the women. We gasped at the strength, skill and agility of the men, and admired the grace and ease of action of the women. The most outstanding performance of the evening was perhaps the extraordinary skill and temerity of the Polytechnic team of experts on the parallel and horizontal bars. The school team unfortunately had to leave early to catch their train, and missed some of the exercises on the vaulting-table (a kind of glorified vaulting-box), which were done by the members of the Polytechnic team.

The display, sponsored by the British Association for Physical Training, was watched by a crowd which must have numbered several hundred, and the whole evening was thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators and performers alike. Now we continue our "regular exercise for instruction" in anticipation of the school Gym. Display.

R. NEALE (LVI).

THE SIXTH FORM CIVICS GROUP

This group, which was founded in September, 1948, was continued as a Sixth Form Activity this session.

For the first two terms the Society's time was divided between holding its own miniature debates, and listening to talks given by various Borough Officials. Among the Society's guests were His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Taylor; Mr. R. P. Boatman, who is Slough's sub-postmaster; Mr. N. Berry, the Town Clerk; and Inspector McBrien, who has kindly visited us twice.

On each occasion the Society listened to an interesting and instructive lecture, and the members were able to ask questions afterwards.

The Society was also visited by Mr. Pratt, who has been to China as a missionary. His talk was especially interesting, as, at the time, China was very much in the news, and the members were able to ask questions on the conditions in China at the present day.

During the present term the Society's activities have been modified. Instead of asking guests to address us on their various civic functions, we have ourselves given short speeches, on a variety of subjects. The purpose of this is to give us, before we leave school, some practice in debate. This scheme has been intensified by a new idea, or at least one new to our Society. At our next meeting a Forum will answer and discuss questions asked by their fellow members.

This increased interest in debate has arisen because the School group was defeated in one at High Wycombe, in March. One of the reasons for the defeat, according to the members who attended, was their lack of previous debating experience.

During the Christmas Holidays four or five members went to London to attend some of the lectures given by various well-known public figures, under the auspices of the Society for Education in World Citizenship. While attending these lectures Roper-Lowe joined temporarily, on behalf of the Society, a Debating Society which was being formed among the schools of South Bucks and District. Since then we have become official members, and Roper-Lowe is on the area committee. The High Wycombe debate mentioned above was part of this Debating Society's programme.

Members of the committee are:—

Ex-officio Chairmen: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Collin.

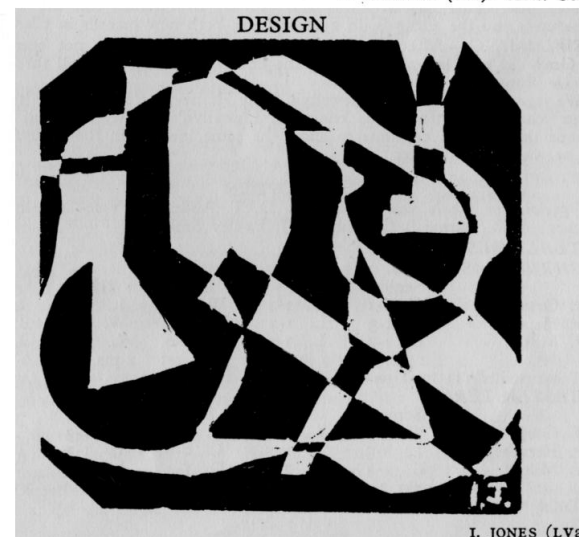
Chairman: D. Admans.

Secretary: A. Mabbott.

Treasurer: P. Bailey.

Committee: I. Ferguson, R. Esling, H. Wotherspoon.

A. MABBOTT (UVI). *Hon. Sec.*



I. JONES (LVA)

HOUSE NOTES

GRAY

Officials.—Captain: I. A. Ferguson; Vice-Captain: W. C. Loring; Secretary: J. D. Killip; Committee: V. E. Amos and H. Wotherspoon.

AUTUMN TERM 1949.

FOOTBALL.

	Seniors	L. V's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Hampden	L. 1-6	D. 1-1	L. 0-1	W. 4-2	W. 5-0
v. Herschel	W. 4-2	W. 7-1	W. 2-1	D. 1-1	W. 5-1
v. Milton	W. 2-1	L. 0-1	W. 3-0	D. 1-1	D. 2-2

SPRING TERM 1950.

FOOTBALL.

	Seniors	L. V's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Hampden	L. 0-3	D. 1-1	W. 6-2	W. 4-2	W. 3-0 and L. 0-1
v. Herschel	W. 4-2	L. 1-3	W. 3-1	D. 1-1	D. 2-2 and W. 5-1
v. Milton	L. 2-6	W. 5-3	W. 5-1	W. 2-0	W. 4-2 and D. 3-3

CROSS COUNTRY.—Generally successful, especially in the Seniors, where Gray had 5 in the first 8: 1st W. C. Loring; 3rd D. J. Bovey; 5th I. A. Ferguson; 7th R. W. Willé; 8th D. Admans. In the III's, where Gray came 2nd, J. R. Mansfield was 1st for Gray.

SUMMER TERM 1950.

CRICKET.—No House results available on going to press. V. E. Amos, the Gray cricket captain, and also captain of the School 1st Eleven, made a score of 91 not out for the School against Wycombe R.G.S., and for this feat was presented with a cricket bat by the Headmaster on Sports Day.

SPORTS.—Gray again won the House Championship with 137½ points. In the individual championships, W. C. Loring (14 pts.) and I. A. Ferguson (11 pts.) were 1st and 2nd respectively in Class I, R. E. Faulkner (24 pts.) and B. A. C. Ackrell and R. J. Saul (8 pts. each) held the three leading positions in Class II, and M. J. Flynn (7 pts.) came 2nd in Class III. T. W. S. Groome ran the 100 yds. in 10.7 seconds and the 220 yds. in 23.8 seconds, both new records in Class I.

SWIMMING.—Although the usual Swimming Gala has not been held this year, Gray did well last year, gaining the first three positions in all three events in Class II. Hunt swam in Class III.

We regret to say that Mr. Llewellyn, Gray House-Master ever since its inauguration 30 years ago, when it was known as Llewellyn's House, retires at Christmas. We hope that he will continue to show the same interest in the House as he did when he was House-Master.

J. D. K.

HAMPDEN

Officials for whole year.—Captain: D. T. Anderson; Vice-Captain: P. Seal; Secretary: J. R. Barnard; Committee: J. Padley Smith.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

CHRISTMAS TERM.

	Seniors	LV's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	W. 6-1	D. 1-1	W. 1-0	L. 2-4	L. 0-5
v. Herschel	L. 1-3	L. 1-2	W. 2-1	W. 1-0	L. 1-2
v. Milton	L. 1-4	L. 1-2	W. 1-0	L. 1-2	L. 1-3
	2 pts. 3rd	1 pt. 4th	6 pts. 1st	2 pts. 4th	0 pts. 4th

Total points 11; final position 4th.

EASTER TERM.

	Seniors	LV's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	W. 3-0	L. 0-3	L. 1-6	L. 2-3	L. 0-2
v. Herschel	L. 1-3	L. 2-5	L. 0-6	L. 1-3	D. 2-2
v. Milton	L. 2-3	W. 2-0	D. 1-1	L. 1-2	W. 3-1
	2 pts. 3rd	2 pts. 3rd	1 pt. 4th	0 pts. 4th	3 pts. 2nd

Total points 8; final position 4th.

In the Athletic Sports this year, Hampden were placed second again, the most outstanding individual performance being by G. Glanville, the Class III champion, who gained 29 points.

The House was placed first in the Easter term Cross-Country races. The results were: Seniors 129 points, 2nd; LV's 170 points, 4th; IV's 139½ points, 2nd; III's 86 points, 1st; II's 91 points, 1st. Total points 615½. Final position 1st.

In the academic line, members of Hampden House were quite successful. The following awards were gained.

ANDERSON, D. T., County Major Scholarship. Enters King's College, London, in October, 1950.

BARNARD, J. R., State Scholarship. Enters Imperial College, London, in October, 1950.

CARR, A. P., County Major Scholarship. Entered University College, London, in October, 1949.

NEWSON, J. D., Open Scholarship to University College, Southampton, in October, 1950.

SHERMAN, S., County Major Scholarship. Entered University College, London, in October, 1949.

J. R. BARNARD, HON. SEC.

HERSCHEL

Officials for the year.—Secretary: A. Mabbott.

FOOTBALL.

CHRISTMAS TERM.

	U. V's & VI's	L. V's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	L. 2-4	L. 1-7	L. 1-2	D. 1-1	L. 1-5
v. Hampden	W. 3-1	W. 2-1	L. 1-2	L. 0-1	W. 2-1
v. Milton	L. 2-3	W. 3-2	W. 3-2	W. 2-0	L. 0-2
	2 pts. 3rd	4 pts. 1st	2 pts. 3rd	3 pts. 2nd	2 pts. 3rd

EASTER TERM.

	U. V's & VI's	L. V's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	L. 2-4	W. 3-1	L. 0-4	L. 1-3	L. 0-3
v. Hampden	W. 3-1	W. 5-2	W. 6-0	W. 3-1	D. 2-2
v. Milton	D. 0-0	W. 9-1	L. 1-3	W. 3-2	D. 3-3
	3 pts. 2nd	6 pts. 1st	2 pts. 3rd	4 pts. 2nd	2 pts. 2nd

Total points 17; final position 2nd.

CROSS COUNTRY (Easter Term).—Upper Fifts and Sixth: 134 points, 3rd; Lower Fifts: 126 points, 2nd; Fourths: points, 4th; Thirds: 234 points, 4th; Seconds: 103 points, 2nd. Total points ; final position: 3rd.

The House, if not satisfactory in its results, can claim to have had a satisfactory year. There appears to be only one blemish on the landscape, where the Third Forms gained, or perhaps lost, 234 points in the Cross-Country. Perhaps they were not told the smaller the number of points the better.

A. MABBOTT (UVI), HON. SEC.

MILTON

AUTUMN TERM 1949

Officials.—Captain: D. Jaques; Vice-Captain: R. Plowman; Committee: R. A. Neale, G. Mayor, P. A. Bailey.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	Pos.
Seniors	2	0	1	4	1
L. V's	2	0	1	4	1
IV's	0	0	3	0	4
III's	1	1	1	3	2
II's	2	1	0	5	1

Total points 16; final position 2nd.

Jaques, House and Football Captain, unfortunately left this term. R. A. Neale was elected to fill his position.

SPRING TERM 1950.
FOOTBALL RESULTS.

	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	Pos.
Seniors	2	1	0	5	1
LV's	0	0	3	0	4
IV's	2	1	0	5	1
III's	1	0	2	2	3
II's	0	1	2	1	4

Total points 13; final position 3rd.

CROSS-COUNTRY.—Seniors: 154 points, 4th; LV's: 157 points, 3rd; IV's: 140 points, 3rd; III's: 184 points, 4th.

ACADEMIC.—J. F. Davis, who was awarded a County Major Scholarship on the result of his H.S.C., and D. J. Brecknell, have both secured entrance to Keble College, Oxford, in October 1950.

ATHLETIC.—As will be seen from the Sports Day results, the House, after three years, relinquished the wooden spoon and moved into third place. It is the firm conviction of everyone in the House that all future movement will be in the same direction—upwards.

P. A. BAILEY, HON. SEC.

GAMES AND ATHLETICS
SCHOOL FOOTBALL 1949-50

FIRST ELEVEN

Colours: Re-award P. A. Seal. **Full:** D. Perkins, A. Davies, G. Plowman. **First Half colour:** B. Lucas, C. Belcher.

History has once again proved itself as repetitive as radishes. We gradually built a useful 1st XI, containing several particularly good players, but we found that, as usual, we gave away too much weight in many of the games. All credit to the stout defenders and persistent attackers who achieved a record of Won 4, Drawn 3 and Lost 7.

The half-back line proved a very good one; the forward line lacked size and strength in the inside positions; whilst a centre-forward, not being born to us had to be made. In goal we were well served and the backs were great workers; unfortunately, County and District calls robbed us of the chance to give much Senior experience to Lucas and Belcher, two outstanding full-backs.

D. Jaques, as Captain till he left at Christmas, put tremendous energy into his game, both in defence and attack, always setting a lively example. A. Davis and G. Plowman formed with him a strong line of fast, hard-tackling do-or-die halves. R. Sellars did very well in goal, despite his tendency to chase the ball to penalty-line or corner flag. D. Walker followed him in the Easter term and his enormous height and reach proved great assets—his Gargantuan grabs in mid-air were a delight. G. Smith and J. Harrington worked heroically at back and kicked well. R. Day was also strong and hard-working, lacking only speed. B. Lucas and C. Belcher showed that, when available, they could fit perfectly into Senior football.

In the forward line, D. Perkins maintained brilliant form, showing speed, jugglery and power. P. A. Seal played his usual strong and thoughtful game on the left wing. These two made valiant efforts at centre, where J. Padley-Smith and L. Williams also tried hard. H. Wotherspoon at inside-right was a purposeful forager while I. Hannay was a very useful left-half-cum-inside-left beaten only by size and weight. P. Lowen did well at inside-left and he too was beaten only because of slight physique—he played very intelligently. Another thrustful but small forward was that wee whirlwind, C. Gale. J. Ford, G. Mayor and C. Gibson also joined the line to impart weight and thrust.

SECOND ELEVEN

The changes were rung frequently in the Second Eleven, which achieved the good record of Won 7, Drawn 4 and Lost 3.

A nucleus of enthusiasts kept the team-spirit going and many boys joined in at various times, with considerable success. The games were hard and enjoyable,

though the football was not always of high standard, some of the big fellows needing time to lose their awkwardness and to develop their kicking and speed. P. Bampton did really well at centre-half, admirably supported by the indefatigable P. Bailey. R. Day, A. Mabbott, G. Pottow, V. Whitbread, R. Robotham and A. Admans all played with strength and gusto in defence. R. Davey, E. Soton and R. Hall were useful wingers, J. Ford and G. Mayor brought thrust and size, while A. Hall and C. Gibson provided the leavening of craft in the middle, the latter developing into a good centre-forward. D. Abbott, R. Neale and C. Marler were other very useful occasionals. Well done, the Second Eleven!

SENIOR LEAGUE ELEVEN

(Age-limit 15)

In this section the School enjoyed a season of quite remarkable success. The record tells some of the story: Won 15, Draw 0, Lost 0; Goals: For 80; Against 4. *Winners* Slough and District Schools' Senior Championship (Bowyer Cup); *Winners* Rebel Shield (presented by Slough Town F.C. Supporters); *Winners* Grenfell Shield (v. Champions of Maidenhead Schools).

Individual Honours: *Oxford-Berks.*—Bucks XI; Full-backs—C. Belcher (3 Counties' Medal) and B. Lucas. *Slough and District XI;* C. Belcher (Captain), B. Lucas, V. Gillham, T. Bench were regulars and P. Lowen, R. Gale, L. Williams, R. Young, P. Arnold and K. Worrall also had games. This XI reached the Final of the 3-Counties' Cup.

In local games the School won every match played, including a game v. The Rest. The team were notoriously slow starters, but usually they developed a rhythm and pattern of play of a high order. Defensively, the side could not be faulted. E. Burge became a really safe keeper, showing good anticipation. Lucas and Belcher were magnificent in defence (and occasionally took time off to move up and score), Lucas was fast and a phenomenal kicker. Belcher played at centre-half but was generally found in any place where danger might threaten—a tireless and inspiring Captain. J. Bench worked really hard at back and lacked only speed. R. Gale, C. Belcher and K. Worrall formed a most enviable half-back line. Tackling was strong, clean and utterly safe and lovely passes were constantly being sent forward. L. Williams—a fine full-back—was obliged to play at centre-forward; and how unhappy he looked at times! He did remarkably well as a scorer of opportunistic goals and dealer of deft passes—nearly 30 times did he almost break the net with scoring piledrivers which kept beautifully low. His breakaway from the centre-spot invariably meant a goal—or the near demise of some gallant goalie. J. Wren played with spirit on the right wing, and M. Wheatley, too. Before he left, V. Gillham was the supreme inside-right, working skilfully and unobtrusively and pushing through perfect passes. His successor, B. Yeatman, worked well on the same lines. P. Arnold was a sound left-winger, able to shoot as well as middle the ball. Inside he had P. Lowen who was always in the open space to pick up a pass or loose ball—his anticipation was uncannily good and his control perfect. If at times he wandered or hung back too much—thus rendering the line somewhat disjointed—he can well be forgiven. R. Young came into the side and immediately swept opponents off their feet by sheer dash—he kicked strongly and was in every way an asset. Others who helped were G. Dale, A. Ackrell and P. Turner, while in non-League games (v. Egham, Uxbridge, etc.) the following helped to keep the victorious record intact. B. Poole, M. Taylor, J. Gale, J. Ludley, M. Hall, E. Duncan, D. Smith, and P. Cleveland. An entirely new XI will be required next season and the above will undoubtedly serve us well.

If only these successful Senior League XI's could move up en bloc to make a formidable 1st XI!—Unhappily the factors of school-leaving at fifteen—age variations within the team—physical development, etc. prevent this—though, of course, most of the leading 1st XI members each year have previously made their mark in the younger team. This year's team under Belcher were notable for their grand spirit—they played together with excellent understanding; they played for the sake of the game rather than the "points"; they played forceful and copy book football; and they were indeed a cheery crowd.

INTERMEDIATE XI

(Age-limit 13)

Only two players were available from last year's XI and after a rather shaky start, a good deal of team building was necessary before the Lions looked like settling down. They soon developed, however, into a good all-round team and began to play our usual brand of skilful, closely-combined football. They did not lose a match and can be proud of their achievement in finishing as 1st Division Champions, thus regaining the Templeman Cup, beating Slough and Eton School by virtue of a much better goal average. Results: Won 7; Drawn 3 Lost 0. Goals: For 50; Against 10.

D. C. Jones, the Captain, inspired the team by his own unflagging example and skilful forward play, and D. Edwards' ball-control and shooting improved until, in the last few matches, his play at centre-forward was delightful. F. Barnes combined excellently with his winger N. Starks, and proved a clever dribbler, but was inclined to hold the ball a fraction too long. Starks improved with experience and did some excellent work on the left wing. On the other wing A. Bradbury was a strong runner with a powerful kick, but he needs to improve his trapping and ball-control. The half-backs, L. Glanville and A. Rackstraw, improved with every match and their combination and covering was excellent; while any opposing centre-forward who had the absurd idea that he could dribble down the middle would find the way barred by the lanky legs of B. Hill. G. Glanville was a tower of strength at back, fast and fearless in the tackle and with a head that could put a cannon-ball over the half-way line. He was ably assisted by heavyweight B. Pulsford, who has a sprightly knack of dribbling round opponents. I. Lewis proved a most reliable goalie and made up for lack of inches by excellent judgment of the speed and probable point of arrival of any hostile object approaching his goal. But a team is not made up of individuals: it is the combination and teamwork of these individuals that makes for success. The secret of this team lay in "covering"; there was always at least one team-mate ready to assist the man with the ball by positioning himself to take a pass either in attack or defence.

In addition to the above varied and successful activities, a full programme of House and Form football was carried out. Gray House took the season's honours with 44 points—Milton, Herschel, and Hampden followed in that order.

At Easter the customary Six-a-Side Tournament took place and the competition was tremendously keen. Eventual winners were:—

SENIORS: P. A. Seal, G. Mayor, L. Williams, R. Hall, R. Warne, C. Birch.

JUNIORS: G. Glanville, J. Ebbage, J. Hookey, B. Garner, A. Goodman, C. Weatherhead.

The Annual Tea, for all boys who have represented the School wound up a busy season—many thanks, Mrs. Charman!

CRICKET 1949 - 50

FIRST ELEVEN

Colours, 1949: Full Colours, V. E. Amos, R. A. Neale, P. A. Seal, P. Canon, R. Fidler, D. Allen, G. Burdett.

First Half-Colour: D. T. Anderson, I. Pearce.

Second Half-Colour: D. Hossack.

1950.

Officials.—Captain: V. E. Amos; Vice-Captain: P. A. Seal.

Committee: D. T. Anderson (Secretary); R. A. Neale.

RESULTS TO DATE

v. Borlase School, Marlow. Won: School 90 (Amos 37); Marlow 56 (Wotherspoon 6 for 7).

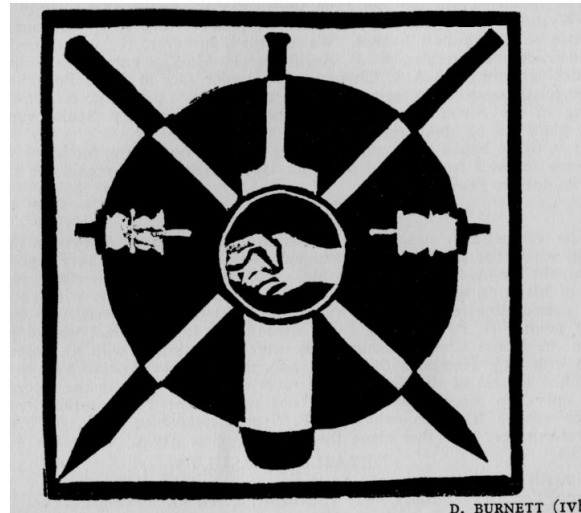
v. Ranelagh, Bracknell. Lost: School 89 (Neale 22); Ranelagh 90 for 7 in last over of the game.

v. Windsor County Grammar. Lost: Windsor 68 (Seal 5 for 12); School 31.

v. Wycombe Royal Grammar. Won: School 130 for 9 (Dec.) (Amos 91 not out). Wycombe 64 (Neale 5 for 1).

Team.—V. Amos, P. Seal, R. Neale, D. Anderson, J. Ford, H. Wotherspoon, H. Vandapeer, G. Mayor, R. Day, H. Sole, R. Johnson and J. Thorniley.

The team has shown an excellent spirit and V. Amos is as cheerful a Captain off the field as he is a martinet on it. He has set a good example to the team in enthusiasm, discipline and in performance. His 91, not out, against Wycombe Royal Grammar School stands out boldly in School Cricket annals.



D. BURNETT (IVb)

The batting has been promising though, as yet, uneven; and there is speed and guile in the attack, V. Amos and H. Wotherspoon providing much of the former, P. A. Seal and R. Neale most of the latter. Ground fielding requires attention, however, or too many unnecessary fours will be given away. This should be a very enjoyable season, and we look forward to a resounding victory on July 15th when we meet the Old Boys.

SECOND ELEVEN

The Second Eleven have started on a tentative note, but have contrived to win, to date, two games, losing one and drawing another.

Captain: D. Admans, Vice-Captain: V. Whitbread, R. Robotham, P. Bampton, H. Morgan, D. Abbott, T. Taylor, P. Lowen, J. Padley-Smith, C. Marler, D. Perkins, A. Akenhead.

RESULTS

Won: v. Marlow 43 - 29 (Whitbread 3 for 3).

Won: v. Wycombe Grammar 50 - 43 (Johnson 19. Robotham 8 for 16).

Lost: v. Maidenhead —

Drawn: v. Ranelagh 34/8 - 76 (Robotham 5 for 10).

CROSS COUNTRY

The junior team has certainly had the best of it this season. They have made good use of their disappointingly few opportunities. They won both races against The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, and also the one against Bishopshalt School, Uxbridge. Amongst those who served the junior team well

we mention, A. Askew, M. Wheatley, H. Hall, R. N. Mansfield, H. Phillips, B. Baldwin, G. Holmes, J. Fleetwood, and J. Weatherburn. D. Delaney, of IIA, ran very well in the Slough and District Schools' Championship junior race at Eton in March, and finished eleventh in a field of about seventy runners.

The Senior Team has not been so successful. It gained a victory over The High Wycombe Technical Institute but lost twice to The Royal Grammar School and once to Bishopshalt School. We are glad, however, to note three boys who show considerable promise, R. P. Antill and F. Hoiness entered as individuals in the Buckinghamshire A.A.A. Championship junior race at Stoke Poges in January and, especially considering their youth, put up very good performances. P. Cleveland, running in the Slough and District Schools' Championship Senior race, gained fourth place out of about eighty runners.

It is to be hoped that, when training resumes next term, sufficient volunteers will come forward from the Middle and Upper School and regain for the Senior Eight its former prestige.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The competitors, judges and a handful of spectators enjoyed a Swimming Gaia in which the standard of performance was in most events very high indeed.

In the Individual Championship, J. Knight gained the first place as a result of his winning all the four races in which he took part; with 12 points he had a comfortable lead over his friend and rival R. G. Thomas, who was second with 7 points. A. P. Soar and D. J. Russell tied for 3rd place with 6 points.

In the House Championship, Gray were easy winners with 33 points, Milton second with 23½, Hampden third with 20½, and Herschel last with 13 points.

While several of the times of the races came very near to the records for the event, only two records were beaten; one was in the Plunge—the previous best distance was 38 ft. 2 ins. which A. P. Soar increased to 44 ft. 6½ ins.—a very fine performance; the other being the 200 yds. Free Style.

DETAILED RESULTS

OPEN: All Ages.

1. 200 Yards (Free Style).—1. J. Knight; 2. R. G. Thomas; 3. D. J. Russell. Time: 3min. 13-1/5sec. (Record).
2. 100 Yards (Free Style).—1. J. Knight; 2. R. G. Thomas; 3. D. J. Russell. Time: 1min. 19.5sec.
3. One Length (Breast Stroke).—1. J. Knight; 2. A. J. Lucas; 3. D. Admans. Time: 23.8sec.
4. One Length (Free Style).—1. J. Knight; 2. R. G. Thomas; 3. G. Mayor. Time: 21sec.
5. One Length (Back Stroke).—1. D. J. Russell; 2. J. Armstrong and C. A. Ambrose. Time: 27sec.
6. Best Three Dives.—1. A. P. Soar; 2. G. Middle; 3. R. G. Thomas.
7. Best of Three Plunges.—1. A. P. Soar; 2. A. J. Lucas; 3. D. J. Russell. Distance: 44ft. 6½ins. (record).
8. Best Three Springboard Dives.—1. A. P. Soar; 2. R. G. Thomas; 3. G. Middle.
9. Knock-Out Horse-Back Tournament.—J. Knight and R. G. Thomas.
10. Diving for Plates.—1. J. Knight (15); 2. R. G. Thomas (14); 3. C. A. Ambrose (11).

CLASS II: Senior.

11. Two Lengths (1st Breast Stroke, 2nd Back Stroke).—1. D. J. Russell; 2. G. Middle; 3. R. C. Doig. Time: 69.2sec.
12. One Length Free Style.—1. D. J. Russell; 2. D. Ewen; 3. G. Middle. Time: 23.1sec.
13. Best Three Dives.—1. G. Middle; 2. R. C. Doig; 3. G. R. Murfitt.

CLASS III: Intermediate.

14. One Length Free Style.—1. B. Pulsford; 2. E. C. Godley; 3. D. Reader. Time: 24.9sec.
15. One Length Breast Stroke.—1. G. Glanville; 2. E. C. Godley; 3. D. Ludley. Time: 31.5sec.

16. Best Two Dives.—1. D. Reader; 2. D. Ludley; 3. E. C. Godley.
17. Inter-House Relay Race (4 lengths).—1. Milton; 2. Gray; 3. Hampden. House Positions (on most of Open events).—1st Gray, 33pts.; 2nd Milton, 23½pts.; 3rd Hampden, 20½pts.; 4th Herschel, 13pts.
- Individual Championship.—1st J. Knight (12pts.); 2nd R. G. Thomas (7pts.); 3rd D. J. Russell and A. P. Soar (6pts. each).

REPRESENTATIVE ATHLETICS 1949

At the Slough and District Athletics Meeting in June, 1949, the school did very well.

Among many good results the following are outstanding:—

AGE-GROUP: 15 yrs. - 17 yrs.

440 Yards.—W. C. Loring 1st in 57.2sec. (Record).

AGE-GROUP: 13 yrs. - 15 yrs.

100 Yards.—T. W. S. Groome 1st in 11.1sec. (Record). B. J. Lucas 2nd.

220 Yards.—T. W. S. Groome 1st in 25.2sec. (Record).

Long Jump.—B. J. Lucas 1st at 17ft. 9in.

Relay.—Won by our Team—Faulkner, Ray, Lucas, Groome.

High Jump.—P. Arnold 2nd at 4ft. 8in.

At the Bucks County S.A.A. meeting in June 1949 the following results were also outstanding:—

AGE-GROUP: 15 - 17 yrs.

440 Yards.—W. C. Loring 1st. 57.0sec.

AGE-GROUP: 13 - 15 yrs.

100 Yards.—T. W. S. Groome 1st in 11.0sec. (Record).

220 Yards.—T. W. S. Groome 1st in 25.2sec. (Record).

High Jump.—P. Arnold 2nd at 5ft. 1in.

Long Jump.—B. J. Lucas 3rd at 16ft. 10in.

The following boys from the School were chosen to represent Bucks at the All-England Sports in July 1949.

15 - 17 yrs.

W. C. Loring for 440 yds. Loring was beaten in his Heat by the eventual winner who set up a new record at 50.6sec.

J. V. Ashley—chosen for general reserve.

13 - 15 yrs.

T. W. S. Groome for 220 yds.—finished 4th.

B. J. Lucas for Long Jump—placed 3rd at 19ft. 4½ins.

P. Arnold for High Jump—gained a Standard at 4ft. 11ins.

SCHOOL SPORTS, 1950

Below will be found the detailed results of the 1950 School Sports, held on the school ground on Wednesday, May 24th. The general level of athletics in the school is good but some individual results were outstanding. In Class III the achievement of G. Glanville, who won each of the six events, led the victorious Hampden Relay Team and broke the Hop, Step and Jump Record, was remarkable. The Class II results clearly indicate the pre-eminence of R. E. Faulkner both in the sprints and in the field events. In this class, too, J. F. Wallis broke the six-year old Discus record which he raised from 82 feet to 93 feet 5 inches. In Class I, the competition for the individual championship was very keen, W. C. Loring being ultimately the successful athlete. In the sprints, T. W. S. Groome broke two records; the 100 yards which he did in 10.7 seconds and the 220 yards off which he knocked two-fifths of a second bringing it down to 23.8 seconds. Another feature of the results in this class was the excellent jumping of P. Arnold who did 5 feet 3 inches, so coming within 3 inches of the record made in 1937 by J. V. H. Gecks, the nearest any competitor has been since this remarkable schoolboy record was first set up.

DETAILED RESULTS

[G=Gray, Ha=Hampden, He=Herschel, M=Milton.]

CLASS III.

- 100 Yards (under 12 years).—1. J. Fox (M.); 2. J. B. Rees (Ha.); 3. J. A. Little (He.); 4. R. Scott (Ha.). Time: 13.7 sec.
- 220 Yards (under 12 years).—1. J. Fox (M.); 2. H. Phillips (He.); 3. G. Elvidge (Ha.); 4. R. Graham (Ha.). Time: 32 sec.
- [Neither of these events counts towards the House Championship.]
- 100 Yards (open) [Record (1948): 11.9 sec.].—1. G. Glanville (Ha.); 2. J. G. Thompson (M.); 3. P. Anderson (G.); 4. R. E. Smith (Ha.). Time: 12.7 sec.
- 220 Yards (open) [Record (1949): 27.5 sec.].—1. G. Glanville (Ha.); 2. P. Anderson (M.); 3. D. J. C. Walton (G.); 4. A. Taylor (M.). Time: 29.5 sec. Standard (30 sec.): G. Glanville (Ha.); P. Anderson (M.).
- High Jump [Record (1948): 4ft. 4in.].—1. G. Glanville (Ha.); 2. R. E. Smith (Ha.); 3. M. J. Flynn (G.); 4. D. J. C. Walton (G.). Height: 3ft. 9in. Standard (3ft. 9in.): M. J. Flynn (G.); D. J. C. Walton (G.); G. Glanville (Ha.); R. E. Smith (Ha.); C. R. J. Reid (Ha.); P. Jupp (He.); J. E. Morgan (He.); D. S. Burdon (He.); K. J. Ball (M.); C. L. L. Wiles (M.).
- Long Jump [Record (1948): 15ft. 8½in.].—1. G. Glanville (Ha.); 2. M. J. Flynn (G.); 3. D. Dolphin (Ha.); 4. R. E. Smith (Ha.). Distance: 14ft. Standard (13ft.): M. J. Flynn (G.); G. Glanville (Ha.).
- Hop, Step and Jump [Record (1949): 29ft. 0½in.].—1. G. Glanville (Ha.); 2. D. H. Greenhow (He.); 3. D. Dolphin (Ha.); 4. D. Edwards (M.). Distance: 30ft. 3in.—NEW RECORD.
- Standard (27ft.): G. Glanville (Ha.); D. Dolphin (Ha.); D. H. Greenhow (He.).
- Putting the Shot. [Record (1947): 38ft. 9in.].—1. G. Glanville (Ha.); 2. R. A. Greenfield (Ha.); 3. D. H. Greenhow (He.); 4. J. A. Hobbs. Distance: 32ft. 9in. Standard (30ft.): G. Glanville (Ha.); R. A. Greenfield (Ha.).
- Relay.—1. Hampden, 2. Herschel, 3. Milton. Time: 1 min. 1.4 sec. Gray disqualified. Winning Team: G. Glanville, R. E. Smith, D. Dolphin, R. Scott.

CLASS II.

- 100 Yards [Record (1948): 11.6 sec.].—1. R. E. Faulkner (G.); 2. B. F. Clinch (Ha.); 3. R. P. Groome (M.); 4. B. A. C. Ackrell (G.). Time: 11.7 sec.
- 220 Yards [Record (1948): 25.4 sec.].—1. R. E. Faulkner (G.); 2. R. P. Groome (M.); 3. B. A. C. Ackrell (G.); 4. A. Painter (G.). Time: 26.4 sec. Standard (29 sec.): R. E. Faulkner (G.); B. A. Ackrell (G.); A. Painter (G.); R. P. Groome (M.).
- 440 Yards [New event].—1. C. J. Birch (Ha.); 2. B. A. C. Ackrell (G.); 3. W. Birnage (Ha.); 4. J. R. Mansfield (G.). Time: 65.5 sec. Standard (71 sec.): B. A. C. Ackrell (G.); J. R. Mansfield (G.); D. Cleveland (G.); E. G. Hunt (G.); W. Birnage (Ha.); C. J. Birch (Ha.); R. D. Jones (He.); M. Hall (M.); J. Barnes (M.).
- High Jump [Record (1949): 4ft. 8½in.].—1. R. E. Faulkner (G.); 2. R. J. Saul (G.); 3. C. R. Weatherhead (Ha.); 4. A. Painter (G.). Height: 4ft. 7in. Standard (4ft. 3in.): R. E. Faulkner (G.); R. J. Saul (G.); A. Painter (G.); D. Ewen (G.); C. R. Weatherhead (Ha.).
- Long Jump [Record (1949): 17ft. 10½in.].—1. R. E. Faulkner (G.); 2. T. Jackson (M.); 3. A. Painter (G.); 4. D. Ewen (G.). Distance: 16ft. 2in. Standard (14ft. 3in.): R. E. Faulkner (G.).
- Putting the Shot [Record (1944): 42ft. 4in.].—1. R. E. Faulkner (G.); 2. J. F. Wallis (He.); 3. R. J. Saul (G.); 4. J. L. Harman (M.). Distance: 42ft. 1½in. Standard (34ft.): R. J. Saul (G.); R. E. Faulkner (G.); E. G. Hunt (G.); R. E. Arnold (Ha.); J. F. Wallis (He.); G. Lake (He.); J. L. Harman (M.); J. Barnes (M.).
- Throwing the Discus [Record (1944): 82ft.].—1. R. L. Gale (M.); 2. J. Barnes (M.); 3. B. Colpitts (G.); J. F. Wallis (He.). Distance: 89ft. NEW RECORD: 93ft. 5in., established in preliminaries by J. F. Wallis (He.).

Standard (65ft.): R. J. Saul (G.); E. G. Hunt (G.); B. Colpitts (G.); D. Ludley (Ha.); R. E. Arnold (Ha.); D. Pearce (Ha.); E. Simpson (Ha.); J. F. Wallis (He.); P. R. Neale (He.); E. Deans (He.); J. Barnes (M.); R. L. Gale (M.).

Relay.—1. Gray; 2. Hampden; 3. Milton; 4. Herschel. Time: 1 min. 23.8 sec. Winning Team: R. E. Faulkner, B. A. C. Ackrell, A. Painter, E. G. Hunt.

CLASS I.

- 100 Yards [Record (1946): 11 sec.].—1. T. W. S. Groome (G.); 2. D. T. Anderson (Ha.); 3. W. C. Loring (G.); 4. B. J. Lucas (G.). Time: 10.7 sec.—NEW RECORD.
- 220 Yards [Record (1943): 24.2 sec.].—1. T. W. S. Groome (G.); 2. D. T. Anderson (Ha.); 3. B. J. Lucas (G.); 4. A. Mabbott (He.). Time: 23.8 sec.—NEW RECORD.
- Standard (27 sec.): T. W. S. Groome (G.); B. J. Lucas (G.); D. T. Anderson (Ha.); G. W. Bateman (He.); A. Mabbott (He.); G. Mayor (M.).
- 440 Yards [New Event].—1. W. C. Loring (G.); 2. I. Ferguson (G.); 3. G. Mayor (M.); 4. J. Ford (M.). Time: 57.8 sec. Standard (65 sec.): W. C. Loring (G.); D. J. Bovey (G.); R. A. Sellar (G.); I. Ferguson (G.); G. Mayor (M.); J. Ford (M.).
- 880 Yards [Record (1949): 2 min. 9.5 sec.].—1. W. C. Loring (G.); 2. I. Ferguson (G.); 3. F. Holness (He.); 4. R. P. Antill (G.) tied with J. Harrington (M.). Time: 2 min. 15.1 sec. Standard (2 min. 25 sec.): W. C. Loring (G.); I. Ferguson (G.); R. P. Antill (G.); F. Holness (He.); J. Harrington (M.).
- Mile (Scratch) [Record (1949): 4 min. 50.3 sec.].—1. W. C. Loring (G.); 2. I. Ferguson (G.); 3. A. L. Davis (Ha.); 4. R. P. Antill (G.). Time: 5 min. 12.1 sec.
- High Jump [Record (1937): 5ft. 6in.].—1. P. Arnold (He.); 2. G. Mayor (M.); 3. J. D. Newson (Ha.); 4. J. Ford (M.). Height: 5ft. 3in. Standard (4ft. 8in.): W. C. Loring (G.); R. C. Davey (G.); J. D. Newson (Ha.); D. T. Anderson (Ha.); W. R. P. Goodall (Ha.); J. Rainer (Ha.); P. Arnold (He.); J. Ford (M.); G. Mayor (M.).
- Long Jump [Record (1944): 20ft. 10in.].—1. B. J. Lucas (G.); 2. D. T. Anderson (Ha.); 3. G. E. J. Goss (Ha.); I. Jones (He.). Distance: 19ft. 1½in. Standard (16ft.): B. J. Lucas (G.); R. C. Davey (G.); D. T. Anderson (Ha.); G. E. J. Goss (Ha.); W. R. P. Goodall (Ha.); I. Jones (He.); J. Ford (M.).
- Throwing the Javelin [Record (1943): 150ft. 5in.].—1. I. Jones (He.); P. A. Seal (Ha.); I. Ferguson (G.); 4. J. A. M. Padley-Smith (Ha.). Distance: 133ft. 9in. Standard (115ft.): I. Ferguson (G.); P. A. Seal (Ha.); J. A. M. Padley-Smith (Ha.); I. Jones (He.); R. A. Neale (M.).
- Putting the Shot [Record (1943): 50ft. 10in.].—1. S. Walker (He.); 2. I. Jones (He.); 3. D. Admans (G.); 4. C. M. Scott (M.). Distance: 45ft. 6in. Standard (40ft.): D. Admans (G.); I. Jones (He.); S. Walker (He.).
- Throwing the Discus [Record (1940): 107ft. 7½in.].—1. C. M. Scott (M.); 2. G. Mayor (M.); 3. R. Day (M.); 4. D. T. Anderson (Ha.). Distance: 95ft. 11in. Standard (85ft.): D. Admans (G.); D. T. Anderson (Ha.); D. M. Reader (He.); G. Mayor (M.); R. Day (M.); C. M. Scott (M.).
- Relay.—1. Gray; 2. Hampden; 3. Milton; 4. Herschel. Time: 1 min. 49 sec. Winning Team: T. W. S. Groome, I. Ferguson, W. C. Loring, B. J. Lucas.

OPEN EVENT

- One Mile Handicap [Record: 4 min. 58.6 sec.].—1. W. C. Loring (G.); 2. H. Phillips (He.); 3. A. L. Davies (Ha.); 4. I. Ferguson (G.). Time: 5 min. 2.6 sec.
- House Championship [Headmaster's Cup].—1. Gray, 137½ points; 2. Hampden, 105 points; 3. Milton, 65½ points; 4. Herschel, 53 points.
- Individual Championship—Class I [Johnson Cup].—1. W. C. Loring (G.), 16 points; 2. I. Ferguson (G.); 11 points; 3. D. T. Anderson (Ha.), 10 points; 4. T. W. S. Groome (G.), G. Mayor (M.), I. Jones (He.), 8 points.

Highest Number of Points gained for House—Class II [Smith Cup].—1. R. E. Faulkner (G.), 24 points; 2. B. A. C. Ackrell (G.), R. J. Saul (G.), 8 points; 4. R. P. Groome (M.), J. Barnes (M.), A. Painter (G.), J. F. Wallis (He.), 6 points.

Highest Number of Points gained for House—Class III [Steil Cup].—1. G. Glanville (Ha.), 29 points; 2. M. J. Flynn (G.), 7 points; 3. R. E. Smith (Ha.), D. H. Greenhow (He.), P. Anderson (G.), 6 points.

REPRESENTATIVE ATHLETICS 1950

The following boys have been chosen to represent the School at the Slough and District Athletic Sports.

AGE GROUP V. (15 years - 17 years)

100 Yards.—T. W. S. Groome, B. J. Lucas
220 Yards.—T. W. S. Groome, G. W. Bateman.
440 Yards.—R. A. Sellar, G. E. J. Goss.
880 Yards.—F. Holness, D. J. Bovey.
1 Mile.—A. L. Davies, R. P. Antill.
Relay.—T. W. S. Groome, B. J. Lucas, G. W. Bateman, W. R. P. Goodall.
Shot.—S. Walker, Williams.
Discus.—D. M. Reader, S. Walker.
Javelin.—R. A. Neale, D. M. Reader.
High Jump.—P. Arnold, R. C. Davey.
Long Jump.—B. J. Lucas, G. E. J. Goss.
Hurdles.—R. C. Davey.

AGE GROUP IV (13 years - 15 years)

100 Yards.—R. E. Faulkner, B. F. Clinch.
220 Yards.—R. E. Faulkner, R. P. Groome.
440 Yards.—C. J. Birch, B. A. C. Ackrell.
880 yards.—E. G. Hunt, W. Birnage.
Relay.—R. E. Faulkner, B. F. Clinch, R. P. Groome, B. A. C. Ackrell.
Shot.—J. F. Wallis, R. J. Saul.
Discus.—I. Jones, J. Barnes.
Javelin.—I. Jones, J. F. Wallis.
High Jump.—R. J. Saul, C. R. Weatherhead.
Long Jump.—T. Jackson, A. Painter.

AGE GROUP III (11 years - 13 years)

80 Yards.—P. Anderson, J. G. Thompson.
150 Yards.—P. Anderson, D. J. C. Walton.
Relay.—P. Anderson, J. G. Thompson, R. E. Smith, D. J. C. Walton.
High Jump.—R. E. Smith, M. J. Flynn.
Long Jump.—M. J. Flynn, D. Dolphin.

AGE GROUP II (under 11 years)

80 Yards.—J. Fox, J. B. Rees.
150 Yards.—J. Fox, H. Phillips.
High Jump.—K. J. Ball.
Relay.—J. Fox, J. B. Rees, H. Phillips, J. A. Little.

At the Public Schools Athletics meeting at the White City during the Easter holidays, T. W. S. Groome competed in the 250 yards (under 16 years). He gained second place (inches only behind first) out of 90 competitors.

A SCHOOL RELAY TEAM AT THE CHALVEY FETE AND SPORTS

On the afternoon of Whit Monday, a relay team representing the School competed at the Chalvey Fete and Sports in a Schools' and Youths' Relay event. The team consisted of B. Ackrell, B. Clinch, R. Groome, and myself (R. Faulkner); that is also the order in which we ran. The fact that the track was only two hundred and twenty yards round, a new experience to all of us, did not, however, affect the

way in which the team ran. The race was started by an old master, Mr. B. Llewellyn. B. Ackrell got away to a good start and was slightly ahead when he handed over to Clinch. Members of the other teams then cut across Clinch, and he was lucky not to be spiked. At the end of his lap he had secured a good lead and handed over to R. Groome, who made sure that this lead was not lost. When he finished his lap and handed over to me there was little to do except to make sure the gap was not lessened and to carry the baton through the tape ahead of the other teams. Our effort gained the team a challenge cup, presented by W. J. Groome, Esq., which each member of the team will hold for three months. Each member of the team was presented with a medal.

This was a new meeting, at which the cup was up for competition for the first time, and it is hoped that the School will win it for many years to come. *Ad Astra.*
R. E. FAULKNER (LVB).

SCHOOL VISITS TRAVEL WEEK, 1949

The "Week" was held later than usual in the Summer term to make it possible for the Upper V's and VIth forms to take part after their examinations.

The general plan of previous years was followed. Familiar visits along London River, and to Whipsnade, Salisbury, White Horse Vale, the Weald, Kew Gardens, the Zoo and Hampton Court were made. We again enjoyed the hospitality of many local factories, the Town Hall, Sewage Farm, Waterworks and Gasworks. Outstanding additions to the visits made by the forms Lower V downwards were the South Bucks tour by the 2nd forms, extended London Visits (Transport, Museums, History) by the 3rd forms, and visits to Dagenham and the Southall Gasworks by the Lower Vth forms.

The great problem was to work out a programme for the Upper V's and VIth forms. Their big visits were to Gloucester, Hampshire Coast and Oxford. A visit of unique interest was made to Rothamsted. Other visits were made to factories in N.W. London [G.E.C., Kodak, Guinness] to Messrs. E. Gomme's furniture factory at Wycombe and to the *Star* newspaper printing works.

The 1950 Travel Week is now in its late stage of organisation. We hope to operate the successful 1949 plan almost in its entirety. A novel feature will be the use of the Shortenills Camp at Chalfont St. Giles for a wide range of exploration of the Mid-Bucks area by thirty senior boys.

VISIT TO THE EXHIBITION OF LANDSCAPE IN FRENCH ART

A contingent of the Sixth Form, conducted by Mr. Vincent Evans, made an excursion to the Royal Academy early in February to see the exhibition "Landscape in French Art—1550-1900." The exhibition was the first in a programme of artistic exchanges arranged between the Arts Councils of Great Britain and France. The galleries were divided up among the different schools of French Art and, as well as paintings, included tapestries, drawings, and engravings. By a brief tour of the galleries we were able to gain some small knowledge of, and, possibly, appreciation for, the French landscape and trace the development of Art through three-and-a-half centuries of painting. Unfortunately the tour of the rooms containing the drawings and engravings had to be very superficial.

The first gallery visited was devoted to works of the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries and it was very noticeable that the landscape played the subsidiary part of a mere background to the main theme of a painting. The landscape did not achieve complete independence to exist in its own right until the time of Poussin and Claude Lorraine. The second and fourth galleries were given over entirely to works of these painters and two of particular interest to me were "Orpheus and Eurydice" by the former and "The Enchanted Castle" by the latter.

The artists of the eighteenth century did not specialise in pure landscape but Watteau revolutionised the French painters' conception of nature. One of his supreme achievements, "The Embarkation for Cythera," was on view in one of the two eighteenth-century galleries.

The emphasis for the early nineteenth century was given to Corot and the Barbizon School. In the works of Corot the beauty of the landscape was muted but towards the middle of the century a decisive step was taken in the conception of landscape by Courbet, and his bold realism prepared the way for the Impressionists. The great figures of this movement, Monet, Pissarro, and Renoir, were all represented by important works at the exhibition and I was particularly impressed by the paintings of "The Grand Canal, Venice," and "Charing Cross Bridge" by Monet.

The final room of paintings contained many well-known masterpieces of Cézanne and Seurat. These two artists departed from the imposture of realism and entered an abstract plastic world in which they did not hesitate to deform everything to their own conception of Art.

Thus, in our tour of the dozen or so galleries, we passed from the classical painting of Claude Lorraine, through three hundred and fifty years of painting to the glory of Nature in the French landscape, to the beginnings of the painting of our own day. But although the exhibition mainly consisted of paintings we were also able to admire a splendid series of tapestries with landscape backgrounds and concluded our pleasant and instructive visit with a brief perusal of a collection of drawings and engravings.

E. J. CORNISH (UVI).

SIXTH FORM CAMP: SHORTENILLS, 16th - 20th JANUARY, 1950

The Bucks Education Committee having reopened the Educational Camp Site at Shortenills, near Chalfont St. Giles, for weekly courses, the Sixth Forms were given the opportunity of spending the first full week of the Spring Term at this camp. This was the first course to be held at the camp, and owed its conception to Mr. Purvis, who was, unfortunately, unable to be with us all the time, and the successful putting into operation of his plan was carried out by Mr. Anderson and Mr. Cave.

We arrived at Shortenills in detached groups during the morning of January 16th, and were welcomed formally by Mr. Crowe, the Warden of the Camp, and the various restrictions and rules of the Camp explained to us. (Some of these seemed a little irksome to us, accustomed to the comparative freedom of Sixth-Form life at school, but no doubt there were good reasons behind all of them.) When we had disposed of lunch, during which meal the Warden explained the various duties each group had to contribute towards the smooth working of the camp, we started the course in earnest.

The Course was to take the form of a rough-and-ready survey of the environs of Chalfont St. Giles, on foot and by bicycle, special emphasis being laid upon the human aspect of the country. We were split up into groups of four, one of which, comprising Admans, Cornish, Davis, and Mabbott, was to concentrate upon the history of the village of Chalfont St. Giles. It would be impossible to list all the excursions made, or to mention all the reports which were made to the assembled camp at the end of each day, but at the end of the week, when we left, there was an impressive array of maps, reports, and charts as evidence of the work all the groups had put in. Especially worthy of mention, perhaps, is the monumental effort of the History group, who produced, after much arduous searching for material, an extremely interesting chart showing all the important happenings in and about the village since it was first mentioned in the Domesday Book.

After the serious work of the day was over, Messrs. Loring and Dickson proceeded to display their skill, or the lack of it, on their respective instruments—the saxophone, and the trombone. One dormitory was occupied by the Lower VI, and the other mainly by the Upper VI, and a certain amount of "high-jinking" went on in the watches of the night, but so far as is ascertainable, no one suffered lasting injury!

At the end of our week's stay, we returned to the environs of Slough with, I think, a considerable knowledge of the way people live in this part of Buckinghamshire, which is so very different from the area around Slough, and, I

trust, some idea of what our Geography masters would call, grandiloquently, the "Land Utilization" in the area; in other words, we know what sort of things are grown on the farms!

We enjoyed it—let us hope that the organizers did likewise.

D. BRECKNELL (UVI).

EASTER CAVE AND FELL ACTIVITIES

The Vith annual visit to the Lake District by the Grammar School was attended by 70 boys, staff and old student leaders. The headquarters, as in 1949, were at the Keswick centres, Crosthwaite and Brigham.

The Brigham centre has now been established as a training camp for boys making their first visit to Lakeland. Here they worked in small groups under experienced leaders and received basic training in walking, conduct on the fells, and elementary field work in Geography. Their activities were mainly confined to the Keswick area, but many had the opportunity to enter Buttermere, one party climbed Helvellyn, and, on the last day, they all reached Sty Head which will be the starting point of their major fell-climbing next year. This year two town visits were made. At Workington the boys were conducted round the Iron and Steel Works. At Carlisle, through the courtesy and arrangement of its Town Clerk, the boys were introduced to the historical, civic and industrial character of the city. In Keswick a showing of Mr. W. Cowen's film "Lakeland through the Seasons" not only reiterated fell profiles but drew attention to the variety of colour in the Lakeland scene and the wealth of interest in the study of bird life.

A visit of unusual interest was made to Birkett Bank, the fellside farm of Mr. Joe Relph, doyen of sheep farmers. The farm is perched high above the road and under the crags of the northern end of the Helvellyn range. Here we had a natural platform from which to watch Fleet (most unassuming of film stars), Cap and Laddie put to their work in the gathering of sheep. With low whistles, variously graded for each dog, or quiet voice commands, Mr. Relph directed the intelligent dogs who were two fields away. In addition, he gave a commentary on what he required of the dogs and the meaning of the commands he gave, and interspersed it with observations which were the distilled wisdom of one whose life has been spent in developing a thorough understanding between animals and himself. During the many questions that followed we learned much of the methods of training dogs and the qualities that make a first-class sheep dog. Sheep, we were told, are very sensitive. The display and his words helped to fix in our minds the courage of the dogs in facing ewes with lambs, and the delicacy and care with which the dogs went to work to gather the sheep without upsetting them.

The advanced members of the party broke their journey north with a three day visit to the Pennines. Mr. Arnold Waterfall, secretary of the Craven Fell and Cave Club, led the party in the Malham Cove area. There the boys were able to learn a little of the mysteries of the drainage system of Carboniferous Limestone. Later in the day they were shown the Craven "dig" at Malham Tarn Sinks where the club members have excavated to a depth of 80 feet a filled-in pothole. It is hoped that a break-through will be found from this excavated "pot" into the underground river system which carries the drainage of the neighbouring moorland down to the issue at the foot of Malham Cove. Here the boys had their baptism into the grand adventure of potholing. An 80 foot descent by rope ladder was begun with trepidation but was followed by shades of relief and ultimate joy. It was evident that a new world of interest and physical endeavour had been opened up to them. They completed a novel day with a walk over high grass moors and "clint" pavements to Gorsdale Scar which was begun as a mild scramble but ended in the contemplation of a natural wonder which exceeded anything they could remember of Cheddar Gorge. The second centre of their activities was in the Ingleborough District. There groups enjoyed themselves in various ways, climbing Ingleborough, visiting Gaping Ghyll, testing the little hazards of Long Churn, scrambling about Weathercote Cave, or walking the Two Valleys at Ingleton with their waterfalls and other natural beauty.



This party made a new approach into Lakeland over the moors to Appleby and by Penrith and Ullswater to Keswick where they were established at the Crosthwaite centre. Here they soon settled down to fell-walking on Saddleback, the Derwent Fells, the Buttermere Fells and the grand Gable-Pillar walk. Snow, high winds and small blizzards were an unwelcome and testing accompaniment to their activities. Near the end of their stay they felt fit to undertake a two days' walk. Accommodation had been booked at the Troutal Youth Hostel in Dunnerdale and, travelling light, they were able to enjoy the southern fell country of Bowfell, Crinkle Crag and the Conistone range. The success of this venture opens up possibilities of more extensive work from the Keswick centres.

An attempt has been made to make a film record of this year's visit. It has not been easy. Bad weather over Easter was particularly a setback. In this film we have planned to show Keswick and the everyday life at our two centres; walks along the Derwent Fells and in the Easedale Valley; and a study of a sheepfarmer's life. Here may be something to re-awaken memories and illustrate for the people of our town the kind of life and the enjoyment we find three hundred miles away.

The visit has been memorable in many ways. It made a strong appeal to our newcomers and the broadening of the programme has met the needs of the older boys. Lakeland has given us, in its infinite variety, additional stores of memories and new challenges to our hardihood, and a confidence to face the ruder inclemencies of fell-walking.

A DAY IN THE PENNINES

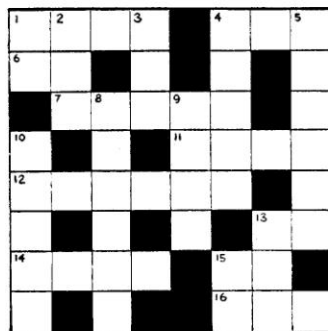
What an infinity of varied incident is crowded into one day of our transitory lives! On the morning of April 4th after a tiring coach journey northward up into the Yorkshire Pennines the day before, I found myself in the company of Charlie Scott scraping out nauseating clots of grease and porridge from the pans our breakfast had been cooked in at the Youth Hostel at Ingleton. Our revolting duty accomplished, Charles and I were glad to put on our walking kit and board the coach with our comrades to examine the countryside surrounding our other Pennine camp at Malham. With our forces united we left this tiny village whose history penetrates far back into the mists of the seventh and eighth centuries, and after a scramble down into a narrow wooded valley we reached our first objective, Malham Cove. At first sight we could hardly believe our eyes. The valley was completely blocked by a beetling cliff towering 240 feet above us, the grey limestone of which it was composed being perfectly smooth and inaccessible to climbers. Until two hundred years ago this solid bastion frequently had a waterfall toppling over it, but the stream from the Farm that fed it gradually found its way underground through the limestone joints so that it now issues at the base of the cliff through a narrow cleft. Behind the wall there is an intricate system of passages and caverns, but no one has ever been able to explore them because the water pressure at the cleft is too great. At the present moment, however, a pot-hole is being excavated on the upland above the cliff so that an entrance can be made into the system from above. Some of the more audacious members of our company, such as the doughty Mr. Purvis, precariously descended the eighty feet of this pot-hole on a rope ladder, while others of us trudged through a merciless rain to view Malham Tarn. As it was now mid-afternoon we decided to make our way back, and tramped across the upland to Gordale, one of the most spectacular valleys it is possible to see. As we descended we found ourselves on the brink of a deep narrow gorge with the river swirling far below, and this we followed down to Gordale Scar. Here was a matchless example of Nature's rugged grandeur! The torrent, leaving its former level, crashed under a natural arch of rock in one gigantic leap into a vast, deep, circular pool hemmed in with towering cliffs on either side. From this pool it hurtled down yet again in another magnificent waterfall into a huge collapsed cavern with walls 400 feet in height. After a precarious descent beside the writhing torrent over a mass of irregular tufa, we stood at the foot of this sensational double leap, rapt in admiration at the rugged majesty of the scene before us. How far from our thoughts were slimy porridge saucepans and greasy frying pans!

J. F. DAVIS (UVI)

MOTS-CROISES

Horizontalement:

1. Il y a ce nombre d'ans dans un siècle.
4. Ce sont les tiens.
6. Une conjonction.
7. Il va à l'école.
11. Un pays de l'Orient.
12. Il y en a cent dans un siècle.
13. Un pronom personnel.
14. C'est une couleur sombre.
15. Voir numéro treize.
16. Il se fait d'habitude de charbon.



Verticalement:

1. Un adjectif démonstratif.
2. C'est une saison.
3. Les Anglais en boivent beaucoup.
4. Une exclamation.
5. Il brille vivement.
8. Nous parlons ce que nous avons dans la bouche.
9. On dit que les chats en ont neuf.
10. Une partie du corps.
13. Un espace de terre entouré d'eau de toutes parts.
15. Un arbre qui se trouve souvent dans un cimetière.

D. ISAACS (IVA)

A SCHOOL ANTHOLOGY

A VISIT TO FRANCE—SUMMER 1949

My stay in France had the dual purpose of a summer holiday and an educational visit. I commenced my journey on July 28th—crossing the English Channel via Newhaven-Dieppe and continuing on to Paris. The journey was fairly uneventful though, as we passed through Rouen, a gentleman pointed out three church spires as being unique because of their resillated design. The scenery was quite interesting, especially the chalk outer rim of the Paris Basin. The Seine in this area has very deeply etched itself into the landscape. Nearing Paris one of the first sights I saw was the Tour Eiffel.

The correspondent with whom I was going to spend my visit lives at Troyes, the capital of Aube, situated on the Seine 167 kms. from Paris. Unfortunately, however, it became too dark to see the countryside just after I left Paris and so I did not have much idea of my surroundings when I arrived.

The town of Troyes, however, is situated in the valley of the Seine. It is not actually on the chalk, but it is a gap-town through it, situated on the surrounding layer of gault-clay. The chalk hills are not very high and some of them are partially wooded. Industry in the town is mainly centred on textiles and, locally, Troyes is noted for its hosiery. The town itself is very old, but supports just over fifty-seven thousand inhabitants.

The town contains a large number of churches and possesses a cathedral—Saint Pierre. The cathedral is the only church, however, which has passed unscathed through the war. The principal beauty of St. Pierre is contained and shines forth in a series of most remarkable stained glass windows. The cathedral also possesses a treasure dating back to the thirteenth century. It is recorded in the archives of the church that Jeanne d'Arc stopped there on her way to Reims with Charles VII in 1429.

The other churches of the town have all been damaged to some extent. Sainte Madeleine, built at the end of the twelfth century, contains one of the most famous rood-screens in France. It is really a masterpiece of intricate design and execution, and Jean Gailde, its architect, is interred beneath it. The marriage between Henry V of England and Catherine de France was celebrated in the church of St. Jean. The other main church of the town, St. Urbain, is a marvellous example of the Gothic type of workmanship and style.

The other principal civic buildings of the town are the Town Hall, built in the seventeenth century and containing a delightful chimney piece; l'Hôtel-Dieu-le-Comte which is the hospital whose entrance is adorned by a beautifully worked iron gateway; and the Museum, which is housed in the former Abbaye de Saint-Loup built in the ninth century, contains rooms of paintings and sculptures, and also of archaeology. As well as these main buildings there are others of a more decorative nature such as les Hôtels de Vauluisant, de Marisy, de Maury, and la Tourelle de l'Orfèvre.

In certain quarters of the town there still actually remain houses of wood so close together that they practically form an archway across the street below. Such an example is to be found in the characteristic Ruelle aux Chats.

After remaining at Troyes for several days I went to my correspondent's grandmother at a small village called Gyé-sur-Seine—47 kms. away. We made an excursion to Chatillon where we saw the Source de la Douix which appeared from beneath a chalk cliff, perhaps 100 ft. high.

The scenery around the village was wonderful. There were a series of low-lying hills, most of which were thickly covered with coniferous trees. Some, however, were cleared for cultivation and there were many vineyards. On one of these cultivated hillsides the villagers had erected une Vierge du Vin in order to protect and keep the vineyards from harm.

After a week, however, we returned to Troyes but only to leave a day later for my correspondent's grandparents who live at a small village called Houdelaincourt in Meuse. On the way we passed through Brienne-le-Chateau in which Napoléon Ier used to live, but which is now an "école de guerre."

The first excursion we made from Houdelaincourt was to Nancy. This town possesses a remarkable main square known as La Place Stanislas, derived from Stanislas Leszczyński—a relation of Louis XIV. Around the sides of the main square are to be found the Town Hall, the Theatre, and the Art Gallery. In the middle of the square is a statue of Stanislas. Entrance to the Place, at either end of the Town Hall, is by two intricately designed gates known as Les Grilles de Jean Lamour. Opposite the Town Hall is La Place de la Carrière which is entered via the Arc de Triomphe and at its further end contains Government House. The two remaining corners of the main square contain the most superb fountains and behind the Fontaine de Neptune is the Parc de la Pépinière. This park contains a miniature zoo, an auditorium, botanical gardens, etc.

The town has a cathedral but, as Victor Hugo once described it, "elle est lourde, morose, et lugubre." It was even more so than usual when I visited it as the Evêque, Mgr. Fleury, had died and church was in mourning. Perhaps the most beautiful church in the town is that of St. Epvre. The other main churches are l'église des Cordeliers and the mausoleum Bon Secours.

The former ducal palace now houses the Lorraine Museum and maybe because of its limited area of selection it was not as interesting as it might have been. An interesting feature of the town is the large number of gates that exist. The most striking, however, was La Porte de la Graffe with its twin towers.

I made two visits to this delightful town and the second time, when I cycled, I visited the town of Toul. Nancy appeared to have passed wholly intact through the war, but poor little Toul was nearly blown to nothingness. The two towns are connected by the important Canal de la Marne au Rhin, which is one of the most efficient waterway systems I have seen. At Toul, however, there exists the remains of a cathedral, St. Etienne, which, before the war, and even now though it is damaged, is very beautiful.

While I stayed at Houdelaincourt I made several excursions to such places as Bar-le-duc, the capital of Meuse, Commercy, Vaucouleurs, Joinville, and Domremy-la-Pucelle. The latter, as the name implies, is the birthplace of Jeanne d'Arc—the Virgin. I visited the house where she was born, the church which she used to attend, and the museum containing everything to the glory of La Pucelle. About a kilometre away from the village is the Basilique du Bois Chenu. This edifice was only completed after the 1914-18 war. It is a national shrine to Jeanne d'Arc and the interior is marvellously decorated with paintings of the stages in the career of the Pucelle. The sanctuary of the basilica has a domed roof which depicts the angels praising God while the altar itself is the most marvellous piece of workmanship. In the courtyard before the memorial is a statue of Jeanne listening to her voices while from this slightly elevated point is a marvellous view of a section of the Vosges.

In all I remained at Houdelaincourt for just over two weeks and all this time my stomach was being educated (as well as my brain) as to the taste of a large variety of special dishes made in Lorraine. When I came back to Troyes I found a tremendous difference between the placid, slightly primitive life of the country and the hustle and bustle of a thriving community. While I was at Troyes this time, however, I visited a cinema and saw a really fine film of Rossini's "Le Barbier de Séville." The film was made by Le Théâtre National de l'Opera Comique de Paris, and it was really first class.

After another week at Troyes I went back to Houdelaincourt to bid my friends farewell for the last time. This time we went via Montier-en-Der and St. Dizier where I paid a visit to the Abbaye de Trois Fontaines. On the way back we passed through the Côtes de Meuse and saw the Vierge de Poissons.

I remained at Troyes for another week and then went to Paris. At this city I visited all the main places of interest, such as Notre Dame, l'Hôtel de Ville, l'Hôtel Dieu, Louvre, le jardin des Tuileries, la Place de la Concorde, les Champs Elysées, l'Arc de Triomphe de l'Etoile, la Place du Trocadero, la Tour Eiffel, l'Hôtel des Invalides, la Madeleine, l'Opera, la Place Vendôme, Montmartre, etc., etc.

Unfortunately I had to bid my hosts farewell as they were going on holiday and so I walked around Paris alone in the evening and saw the illuminations. I spent my last night in France at an hotel near the Gare St. Lazare and at 10 o'clock the next morning I boarded the train for England.

My experiences of those five weeks in France will not easily be erased and I am truly grateful for the aid I have received to make it all possible.

E. J. CORNISH (UVI).

SONNET

As I gaze from my window every night
Before the weary Autumn Sun has set
I watch the twitt'ring migrant birds in flight,
The tiring dull day-labour I forget.

The Autumn wind rustles the fallen leaves
Just like a breath on dying embers blown;
The workers leave the fields of gathered sheaves,
No more a sea of corn last season sown.

The solitary nightingale doth sing,
The daisies close their drooping heads of pink,
And from the church the chanting bells do ring,
In utter peace the sun begins to sink.

And so does this life its own Autumn cease,
In sweet repose, tranquility and peace.

D. JAMES (LVI).

ABOUT GERMAN SCHOOLS

So much can be written on this topic that it is difficult to compress it into such a small space as is required here. I think it best to describe a normal school-

day in Germany. Of course there are always slight differences, and what is common in one school does not apply exactly in another; for instance, one school has six lessons a day with forty-five minutes each, in another there are four lessons of sixty minutes, and in a third the early lessons may be longer than the later ones. But nevertheless if I describe a schoolday as I have experienced it, I think I will not be far off what is most common.

So let us imagine we are in a German town as large as Slough. It is almost eight o'clock in the morning and we are walking along amidst a large crowd of boys between ten and eighteen years old. In front of us there is a wide gate behind which we see a high and modern building where we have to spend such a big amount of our precious time and are fed with a lot of stuff we do not always appreciate. We enter the ground in front of the building and have a closer look at it. First of all we notice above the main entry the words: *Städtische Oberschule Leer*, which means a higher school maintained by the town of Leer, in the north-west of Germany on the river Ems. At this moment the bell rings and we enter the building. We walk up five or six steps and are in the ground-corridor extending to the right and left. Just straight on we see the door of the headmaster's office and that of the staff-room. We go upstairs to the upper corridor and enter the form room of the IVth class (LV). We meet a crowd of about thirty boys and take a seat at a desk.—Notice that every boy has to bring along his own books that he needs for the day.—A few minutes later the maths. master enters. He appears in plain clothes, for no German teacher has a gown. He teaches the proof for Pythagoras's theorem and then asks a boy to do a quadratic equation on the black-board. After solving further problems we get our homework. Then the bell rings again and we have five minutes' break. Next we have German. The master does some grammar first and then we read a poem by Schiller, the master from time to time explaining the text. After this second lesson there is the long break, when the boys have their "breakfast," as it is called, and go down to the playground. Fifteen minutes later the lesson starts again with Geography. The master gives back the last test; he is very cheerful about it because nobody got lower than "3" which, of course, is an exception. At this point I must tell you, that they do not have such an elaborate marks-system as in this country, but pupils get numbers as these:—

1 very good; 2 good; 3 satisfactory; 4 not quite satisfactory; 5 not satisfactory.

After the master has given us our homework the bell indicates another break of five minutes. Later we have physics followed by a ten minutes' break and a double period of games. Then we go home. In this manner we have about thirty-two lessons a week, including Saturday. There is never school in the afternoon but we get quite an amount of homework every day—usually for three, four, or even five subjects—which keeps us going for three to four hours. This depends naturally on the discretion of the masters.

Now let me tell you something about other school features. The monthly cost for public secondary schools is about thirty shillings per pupil, while the public elementary school is free. Since a few months ago a scheme is working in Berlin by which all secondary schools there also are free of cost. In general every boy has to attend a public elementary school from six to fourteen years of age, but at ten years of age he can leave this and enter a secondary school provided he passes an examination. There are two main kinds of secondary schools, the *Gymnasium*, more concerned with languages, and the *Oberschule*, mainly aiming for a high standard in science. But neither is so specialized that a scholar from a *Gymnasium* cannot become a scientist, and vice versa. For girls there are usually separate schools with corresponding standards. Another type is the *Hauptschule* or *Mittelschule* aiming for a standard which lies between those of the elementary and secondary schools. After going through eight forms of the secondary school there is a final examination called *Abiturium* which, when passed, entitles one to attend any university or technical high school.

M. PAESLER (UVA).

THE CORNER SHOP

The Corner Shop sells everything,
From lollipops to dolls that sing;
Marbles, bulls-eyes and ice-creams,
Clockwork cars and jumping beans.
Everything you want is there,
From catapults to stuffed brown bears,
Rubber balls are there in plenty,
The Corner Shop is never empty.

A. RACKSTRAW (IVA).

HOW TO WRITE POETRY

I cannot write poetry. All my efforts have been in vain. A glance at another section of this magazine will show you that I am not alone in this inability! Nevertheless, for want of a better subject, I have permitted myself to write about poetry. When one reads a poem, it is usual, unless the poem is over long, to start at the beginning and read on until the end. Let us, therefore, emulate this excellent procedure and consider "How to Begin a Poem."

Let not the Aspiring Poet make his opening line too commonplace. For example, on hearing the words "There was a Boy," many people's thoughts would immediately rush to that passage hidden away in the depths of Wordsworth, which runs as follows:—

"There was a Boy: ye knew him well, ye cliffs
And islands of Winander!—many a time." etc., etc.

On the other hand, on hearing those opening words, I believe that not a few minds would immediately fly to those lines definitely not hidden in the depths of any past, namely:—

"There was a Boy, he was so thin,
His playmates called him "Skinny-Pin";
Till Bovril made him, by degrees,
As Big and Strong as Hercules!"

Thus I illustrate the necessity for care in the construction of the first line. Perhaps it would be better to avoid the introduction "There was" altogether, unless the Aspiring Poet wishes to take up the same line of poetry as the great Edward Lear, whose immortal "Old Man with a Beard," and "Lady of Riga," are well-known and loved by everybody.

The rest of the poem is mainly the concern of the Aspiring Poet alone, as very few people will read anything except the beginning and the end of his work. Nevertheless I would like to pass on a few words of warning. Make your poem rhyme, even if it does not scan. Not all the lines need end with the same rhyme, because this is monotonous. Every line, however, ought to have its partner in rhyme somewhere in the poem, since in this way does the poem receive a touch of orderliness. This advice is of course not valid if the poem is in blank verse, but everybody knows that blank verse is really only an underhanded way of getting out of the responsibility of rhyme!

Now for the most important part, the End. The main point here is that the Poet (I call him "aspiring" no longer) must not end the poem in the middle of a sentence. In asserting this I know I will have some opponents, for even the great Keats finished his poem "Hyperion" in a flurry of dots in the middle of a sentence. This, I maintain, he did in a moment of negligence. Finishing a poem in this way leaves the reader puzzled and dissatisfied, so the beginner should never do it. Write the last line, therefore, in your best writing, put a substantial full-stop at the end, and without reading the poem over, seal it in an envelope and post it to "Punch" or "The Times Literary Supplement," as you think best. And good luck!

R. NEALE (LVI).

THE ROYALIST'S LAST STAND

He slipped away like morning dew
Before the sun is high,
Masked by the rustling of the trees
And by a wild bird's cry.

His gay attire, a sword by his side
Revealed his sorry plight,
A Royalist sought by his foes,
A hero in full flight.

Through a copse, and over a field,
He went without a sound,
When suddenly the fugitive heard,
The baying of a hound.

Abandoning stealth, he noisily plunged
Into a wooded glade,
Determined by all possible means,
His pursuers, to evade.

Gasping, he fell upon his knees,
And he could run no more,
He resolved to fight, and from its sheath,
His trusty sword, he tore.

In this glade, his back to a tree,
He turned, his foes to face,
In one last gesture for his King,
Of fear there was no trace.

From the encircling wood, they burst
To see him standing there;
And with a shout he challenged them,
To fight him, if they dare.

They drew their swords, he clashed with them,
And steel did ring on steel,
But in the fight, a foe's fierce thrust,
Did the Royalist kill.

They buried him, beneath some stones,
Just on the spot he died,
A hero, he fought for his King,
The Roundheads he defied.

D. N. HODGES (LVA).

NIGHT THOUGHTS

Whispering breezes murmur through the trees,
 And scarce distinguishable branches stir.
 Above, the myriad stars gaze calmly down
 Upon the dreaming river, gliding hushed
 Beneath the eternal majesty of night.
 No bird disturbs the murmur of the trees
 Which, whispering in wonder, gaze with awe
 Upon the mighty firmament above.
 The rushes at the water's edge have ceased
 To gossip and commune among themselves.
 Stirred by the passing of some water-bird
 Blundering through them to its nest. But while
 An everlasting stillness reigns above,
 Out of their holes in mossy root or bank
 A thousand furry creatures of the wood,
 Scampering about on silent, twinkling paws,
 Emerge, and hasten off without a sound
 In search of food. And underneath the trees,
 And in the meadows and the hedgerows wild,
 How many tiny tragedies are played,
 How many little battles lost and won!
 And, at the end, one tiny body laid
 Lifeless and still upon the scattered leaves—
 A little furry bundle, sole relique
 Of dauntless courage shown in vain, in face
 Of odds o'erwhelming. Yet unceasingly
 The bustle of the darkened woods goes on,
 Of all the little creatures of the wild
 As through the woods they hasten to and fro:
 While o'er the earth a solemn stillness reigns,
 And over all the coldly twinkling stars.

R. NEALE (LVI).

TWO SONNETS AFTER SHAKESPEARE

Tired with all this, for restful sleep I cry.
 At poems for homework, I am no good
 And so I ponder, so I heave a sigh
 And words just won't come in the way they should
 And the seconds fly, the minutes pass away
 And my mind won't work, though I do my best.
 And I'll never (like Shakespeare) write a play
 And not (like him) write tales of interest.
 And wondrous play of words, of love and war
 And of Kings, romance and sonnets too
 And so word pictures from my pen won't pour,
 And with these poor efforts, my labour's through,
 Tired with all this, from this would I to bed
 Perchance to dream of words I should have penned instead.

W. A. V. ELWELL (LVA).

Tired with all these for restful death I cry;
 For many cares throughout the passing day
 Have made a burden on my mind. I'd fly
 To depths unknown to soothe me and to lay
 Each minute worry deep beneath the earth,
 If by the very doing of this deed
 My own existence for ever would be of worth
 To any fellow-creature. But one doth read
 That each and every thing is sent to try
 Us by the own, the very hand of God.
 Our life, then, we must bear without a sigh,
 And lean upon God's own provided Rod.
 For when life's done, with Him to dwell we'll go
 To start new life forgetting our sins and woe.

W. J. SIMMONS (LVA).

BRIANCON

Great, rocky bastion, Briançon! 'twas thee
 Whom France's Vauban fortified of yore
 And made impregnable to Italy.
 Beleaguerment now sits thy walls once more—
 No earthly host, no potent mortal foe,
 But elemental Nature glooms thy towers
 And high aloft, in movement, rhythmic, slow,
 Where dark and stormy, hoary Winter glowers,
 She gives fair warning of her envoy's dread approach:
 Great sweeps of larch-clad mountain flame with gold,
 Browning sombre where the trees encroach
 Low-flying clouds; the jagged crags uphold
 Fresh crowns of snow; and on the summits leap,
 'Mid scrolling mist, the hunted chamois deer.
 But more than all, the passing of the sheep
 Down from their summer wanderings on the sheer
 Lush pastures of the Alps tells that the snows
 Of Winter are not far; and when the flocks
 Surge through thine ancient streets, the peasant knows
 Come is the time when Nature fierce unlocks
 Her elemental wrath; and as the dissonant bells
 Fade from his ear within his heart there lies
 A sense of something missing that foretells
 The gloom of coming Winter and low skies.

J. F. DAVIS (UVI).

GHOSTS

One night about the midnight hour,
 I heard the bell clang from the tower.
 The churchyard lay all still below,
 And I had very far to go.

I did not like the ghostly sound,
 Which echoed through the trees around.
 I tried to run, but there I froze,
 I front of me a spectre rose!

Its bony fingers clutched my arm,
 I could not move in my alarm.
 Its cackling laughter filled the air,
 Then suddenly it was not there!

The spectre gone, my movement back,
I quickly left that ghostly track.
A village light, so welcome, gleamed.
I must have dreamt it all, it seemed!

R. COOPER (FORM 2A).

PEDAGOGUE AT MATHEMATICK

[Note: The character described in the following verses is purely fictitious and no reference to any living mathematics master is either intended or implied.]

A pedagogue ther was in ourë bande
I trow he was the beste in al the lande.
At mathematick al was his studee
And greatly was he skilled in it, pardee!
This worthy man ne'er att his deskë satte
To tech scholers for School Certificatte,
But by the blackëboard al day did stonde
With sondry coloured chalkës in his honde.
In his stature he nas not undergrowe
Nigh ful thre cubitts stood he as I trowe.
Al on his upper lippe forsooth he warre
Moustachios noo clepëd handebarre
Which twirrlen he whan he in thoght did stande
And tendrely carressëd with his hande
Nor on his chinnë nas ne beerde ne hair
Moostache perchance was al that he wold ware
For full ten pounds it weighën as I trowe
And nigh a cubitt it in length had growe.
There nas ne wight that liken him was able
To calculate with logarithme table
At bridgë did he lay his prowes al
Forsooth he had a thumb of gold withal!
In Datchett viliage upon a rood
Full neere a tavern large his hoosë stood.
His surcoat eke of fustian blue did showe
That he in aeroplannes oft had y'flowe
Yet noo in pedagoguey was his bente
And eke to schol ech dee in bus he wente.
He walked neere as fast as he did ryde,
Ful seven league he pacëd in a stryde.
On somer dees a bicycle him boore.
At Grammar Schol he togt—I noot namoore.

R. NEALE (LVI)

GOING CHEAP

Do you ever linger in any market to hear what the verbose sales fellows are trying to sell? As you enter from the street, you hear one repeating in monotonous tones, "They're nice . . . no points." This fellow can be likened to a lighthouse, for there he stands in his small, corrugated iron coal-bunker-cum-sentry-box, with some jars of his pink cough sweets displayed on the counter, and periodically he flashes out his signal. Just around the corner you come across a large crowd, gathered around an olive-skinned, greasy-haired, thick-lipped . . . , who encourages his audience with his soft, suave voice, "Now come 'ere, come 'ere; look at this." With these words he selects one of the numerous articles displayed on the table before him. This he holds up to the scrutiny of his tentative audience. He explains all the intricacies and delights of his curio, ". . . this is a lovely set of a pen and pencil, in a delightful leather case. The pen has ball point, a gold clip and spring-attached cap. This pen is guaranteed to write 30,000 words . . . mind you, if it writes only 29,999, you bring it back to me and I'll tell you what the other word

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is . . . !” Having thus tempered his audience, he comes back to business, “This charming set is worth fifteen bob in any shop in the town, but I don’t want fifteen bob, thirteen, eleven, nor ten—I’m not ’ere to take your money. Now I’ve got just two of these, the first two customers to raise their hands have them. Now forget fifteen bob. Who’ll give me . . . five bob?” He punctuates this inquisition with a loud thump on the table, delivered with a mallet. Two people raise their hands, the deal is settled, and everyone around becomes all the more sceptical.

You may see an old man standing behind a rickety table littered with scrap iron, copper sheets, tin pots, brass plates, pieces of gas oven, panes of glass, and several tins of a pinkish polish, of which we are told the virtues by the old fellow. This marvellous polish cleans everything, removes all stains and blotches; he demonstrates by rubbing the polish on to each of the metal pieces displayed before him, while the crowd looks on in wonder as if expecting a Genie to appear. Glass cleaned with this polish is guaranteed not to smear, and the price of this clean-all polish . . .

It is here that most of the crowd disperses, and so we will accompany them to join an all-male gathering, which seems to be held in hypnotic fascination by a man talking continuously and standing behind a large table littered with glass pieces, patterns, shapes and sizes of all descriptions. In his hand he wields a small tin instrument, passing it this way and that way over the glass, cutting it, nay, shredding it, almost. This instrument certainly appears impressive, but the performance continues. The little man blunts a knife, passes it across his neck several times to prove it blunt, and then he sharpens it on this little instrument. Despite the anticipation of his spellbound crowd, he refuses to display its sharpness by passing it over his throat; instead he shreds paper and asserts that one could shave with such an edge. He wraps up the implement and offers it for two shillings, but as we haven’t got a pane . . . yet, we move on. You can see some of the most horrible, painted, atrocious ties displayed on side counters. You can eat jellied eel, prawns, and winkles (purchased at another stall) if you are so inclined. We treasure our stomachs—anything for peace and quiet—and we move past, assailed by the smell of vinegar and pepper . . . out into the street and into the bus queue. An afternoon in the market is well spent, if only for a laugh at the people who get “plucked,” for some of the salesmen know how to pluck a finch.

R. ESLING (LVI)

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THE OLD PALUDIANS

Since the reforming of the Old Boys' Association in 1946, the number of members has been progressing steadily. During the past year, 154 members have paid subscriptions. For those not wishing to be pestered by the Treasurer or myself annually, a Life Subscription of £1 10s. was inaugurated, and to date 15 members have taken advantage of this concession. In addition to the subscribing members, several hundred more support us by regular attendance at our dances.

Subscribing members now receive fixture cards for each of the sports sections, and it has been noticed that the number of regular supporters at the various matches has increased tremendously.

The social events are proving to be even more popular. Sixteen dances have been held since last July, resulting in a profit of approximately £100. Ice Hockey and Theatre Trips now form a regular feature of the winter season. Owing to the average cost per person being only 12/-, the demand for seats is very great. Amongst shows visited have been "Latin Quarter 1950" and "Knights of Madness."

The Annual General Meeting for 1950 is to be held at the School on Saturday, 15th July. It is preceded as usual by the Cricket Matches with the School, and followed by a dance at the Dolphin Hotel. It is hoped that new sections may be added to the organisation during the coming year, one suggestion being a Photographic Club.

The Committee hope that all boys leaving the School this term will attend the meeting, and a hearty welcome will be extended to them. Boys joining our organisation before leaving school, and there have been quite a few, know that the Old Paludians have members of all ages and tastes, and that we are not "Old Fogies" by any means.

S. W. JONES (HON. SEC.).

OLD PALUDIANS CRICKET CLUB

1949 SEASON:

This season proved to be most successful and enjoyable, the weather being ideal for cricket. Of the 29 games played, 8 were lost, 5 drawn, and 16 won. Only one match was postponed by bad weather.

The hard, dry wickets suited our batsmen, and some members finished the season with quite high averages.

Our Annual Supper was held during the winter months, taking the form of a Dinner Dance at the Dolphin Hotel. It can be said that a most enjoyable time was had by all.

1950 SEASON:

So far this season, we have won 3 games, lost 3, and the weather has upset 2. We have a full fixture list, a feature of which is the number of games with outlying Bucks. and Berks. villages, where the most attractive grounds are found, and where "village green" cricket is played at its best.

May we take this opportunity of thanking our President, Mr. Clarke, for the use of the school for meetings, practice, and for our home matches. A welcome is extended to all new members from the School.

W. J. GRIFFITH (HON. SEC.).

OLD PALUDIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Seasons 1949-50 was one of the most successful the club has had. Two regular teams were fielded in the London Old Boys' League, and a Minor XI played in the Berks. and Bucks. Minor Cup.

The 1st XI gained promotion from the Senior to the Premier Division with a late run, gaining 21 out of the last 22 points. It also reached the quarter-final of the Slough Town Cup (senior section).

The 2nd XI remains in Division II (West), and not to be outdone, reached the quarter-final of the Old Boys' Cup, whilst the Minor Team also reached their Minor Cup quarter-final.

Ron Canon was on the target, scoring 25 goals; whilst a goal every match was looked for by supporters from Paddy May, whose total was 17. Both were ably backed up by Eric Smart with 11, and Frankie Biggs with 9.

Several new players were welcomed during the season, and some old friends re-joined us from the forces. The season also saw the birth of a Supporters' Club. By according the same travelling facilities to supporters as to players, the coach trips to away matches in all parts of London were well attended.

Three excellent games were played against the School. It is hoped that boys leaving school who enjoy a game of soccer of a higher standard than that of the local leagues, will join the Club next season.

H. J. I. BRYANT (HON. SEC.).

OLD PALUDIANS HOCKEY CLUB

It is expected of a club secretary, no matter what form of sport is under review, that he should so arrange his tale that it brings a glow of satisfaction to his fellow members. My own task is simplified by the fact that, with a few soon-forgotten exceptions, the Hockey Club has this year built well on the solid foundations of its first season. Although the number of goals per game has decreased, the games have been harder, and therefore more enjoyable.

The rather late decision to add a second team to the strength resulted in a number of fixtures—all too few, it is feared—being played by them; some good, and some bad. A feeling of expectation toward next season's fuller list is now apparent, which leads one to believe that the 2nd XI members were not tried too high.

We take pride in recording the results of the County Trials, held at Beaconsfield last October. Out of seven entrants, five were later called upon to play for the County 'A' Team, acquitting themselves well amongst more senior players. Those chosen were as follows: May, J. T. A., Stock, J. E., May, P. B., Robotham, F. J. E., and Ford, P.

No one game can be singled out as being the highlight of the season, although once again the match against Halton Cadets produced some fine hockey with a 3-1 win. Imperial College outplayed us to the extent of 5-1 but certain valuable lessons were learnt in the subsequent post-mortem.

The results were as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals	
					For	Against
1st XI	24	17	3	4	79	32
2nd XI	15	7	2	6	43	26

The Mixed Team scored 122 goals, and 23 were scored against them.

The retiring Chairman (N. Harris) and Committee Members (J. Nicole, J. White) must be thanked for their work for the Club, which has never been easy and at times extremely arduous.

J. M. MABBOTT (HON. SEC.)

OLD PALUDIANS JUNIOR SOCIAL CLUB

The Club once more has closed, having completed a life of two years. If this year has not been so successful as the first, it cannot be said that it was anything like a failure. The numbers attending each meeting were between fifteen and twenty, and these, if not as many as could be wished, were heartening to the senior organisation. On the Saturday before Christmas, the Club held a Social and Dance, which showed a slight but gratifying profit. Before finishing, I should like to attract the attention of any members of the Lower-Fifths who next year, when the Club reopens in September, will be old enough to join the already existing members, who I hope will continue their association with the Club.

Table-tennis, billiards, darts, records, cards are all available, and during the evening refreshments are provided through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Charman.

A. MABBOTT (HON. SEC.)